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Ministers renew oil price talks

LONDON, Sept. 12 (R) — OPEC ministers have renewed consultation, mostly by long-distance telephone, in a bid to reach the agreement on a unified oil price which evaded them in talks in Geneva last month, well-placed OPEC sources said Saturday.

Trade press reports said several key ministers were to meet secretly in London Friday. But in London, the Kuwaiti and Libyan ministers failed to confirm this.

Sheikh Ali Kbalifa Al-Sabah of Kuwait told Reuters Friday he was in London on business connected with the Kuwait National Petroleum Company. Abdussalam Zagar of Libya said he was on a private visit and had no comment to make.

Sheikh Ali would not rule out the possibility of a special meeting of the 13-nation OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) at any time before the next scheduled session Dec. 10.

Meanwhile, several OPEC ministers expressed new alarm about the present world oil glut. Tayeh Abdul-Karim of Iraq was quoted Saturday in the Kuwait newspaper *Al-Rai Al-Aam* as saying it was "a dangerous phenomenon threatening the unity and existence of OPEC."

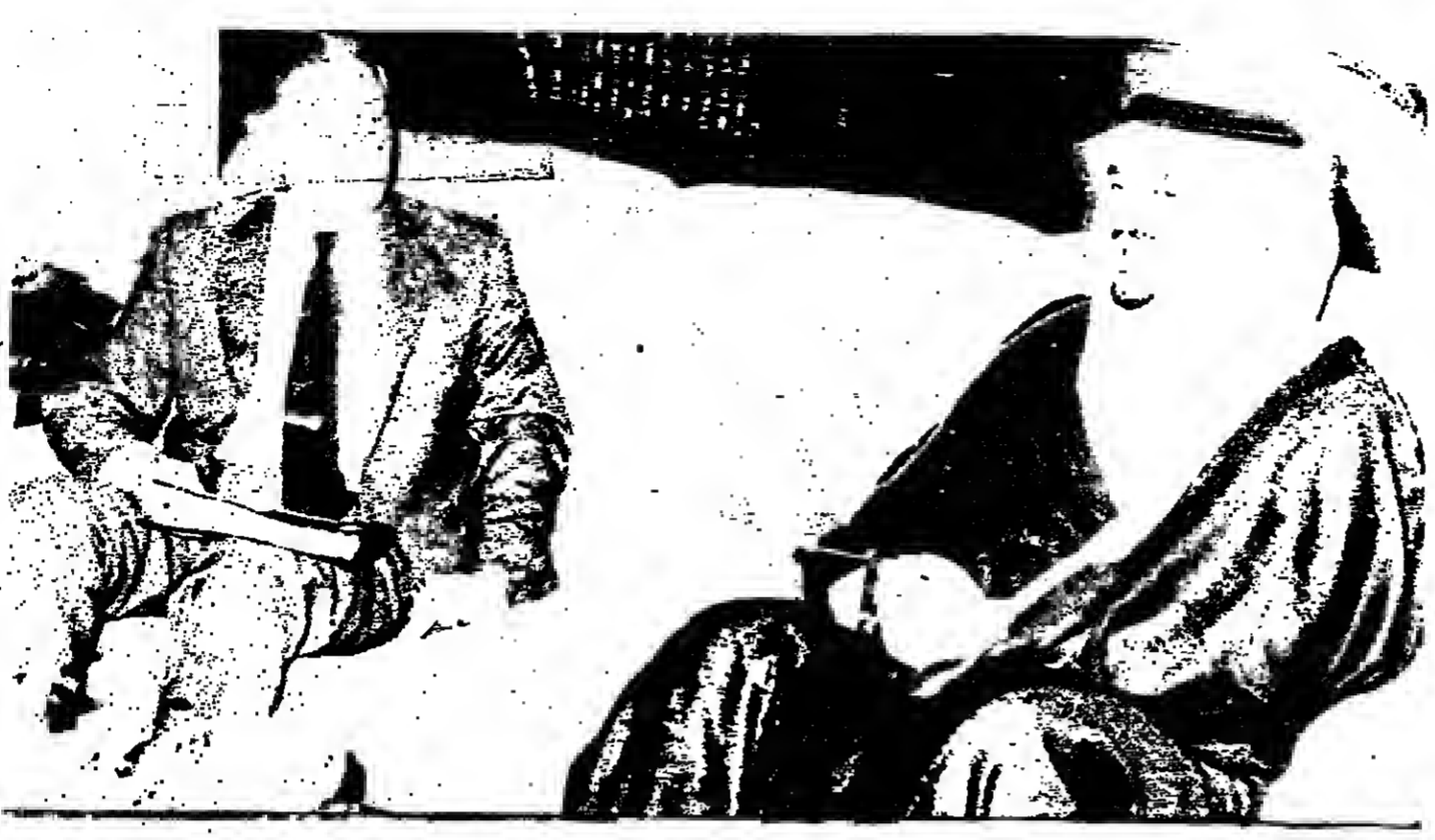
A unified price would ease the problem, present, Saudi Arabia, charges only \$32 a barrel and can still find buyers for a huge volume, just over nine million barrels per day (IPD) or nearly half of all OPEC output, most of the other 12 OPEC exporters charge more, up to Libya's \$40 and many have been hard by the present glut. A slump in world demand has been followed by a buyer revolt against the higher prices.

Saudi Arabia wants the higher quotes cut a unified price structure. Militants argued Geneva last month that the Kingdom would raise its price to at least \$35, but Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani refused to agree. OPEC sources said the present consultations are aimed at reaching a compromise, they added that if a deal can be struck, OPEC might meet in extraordinary session ahead of its next scheduled conference in Doha.

But the sources said that Saudi Arabia was likely to agree to a special meeting unless was sure a prior deal had been reached. The acceptance of an agreed price for its own, the traditional benchmark, and a ceiling of top grades two or three dollars higher. Saudi Arabia has pledged to cut its output to protect its present \$32 floor price. But Sheikh Yamani, who has a strong hand in the OPEC bargaining, has also said no deal would increase the average oil price, which wants frozen for at least 18 months.

He is to address an oil seminar at Oxford, England, next week. Gulf sources said he was in Britain, although reporters could not contact him.

The current OPEC president, oil minister of Indonesia, is also due to attend the seminar. He told reporters in Jakarta Saturday he welcomed moves for an early OPEC



FAHD-HAIG TALKS: Crown Prince Fahd and United States Secretary of State Alexander Haig are seen during their discussions at Malaga, Spain, Saturday.

Fahd briefs Haig on peace proposal

MALAGA, Spain, Sept. 12 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig talked privately with Crown Prince Fahd Saturday during a stop in his three-nation European tour. State Department spokesman Dean Fischer told reporters that Haig and Prince Fahd "very probably discussed the sale to Saudi Arabia of advanced radar aircraft, the recent Washington visit of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin and the situation in Lebanon."

The official Saudi Press Agency said Prince Fahd and Haig reviewed U.S.-Saudi relations and political issues with the Palestinian question and Lebanon at the top of the agenda.

The agency said Prince Fahd explained his eight-point Middle East peace formula during the meeting. Prince Fahd last month outlined eight principles to end the Arab-Israeli conflict, including the establishment of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital and the right of all countries in the region to live in peace.

He urged the United States to change its policy on the Middle East and recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The agency said Prince Fahd accepted an invitation to visit Washington but said the date will be fixed at a later time.

While senior U.S. officials described the meeting as a relatively routine discussion of issues between the two countries, it was clear the Americans attached considerable importance to the session. A senior official aboard Haig's plane told reporters during the flight from Washington that he is optimistic that Congress will approve the sale of the Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) aircraft, but that "right now it's not that promising."

"There are a number of noncommitted and a number of (lawmakers) leaning against, but in every instance with the exception of a few, they will want to hear what we have to say," said the official who has senior position in both the administration and the State Department.

He said the AWACS are an integral part of U.S. policy toward the Middle East and are important in helping achieve peace in Lebanon and building Arab-Israeli peace. The implication of that remark was that Saudi Arabia is helping to achieve those goals, but might be less cooperative if the aircraft deal failed to clear Congress.

The official said the process of achieving peace in the region was high on the agenda of Haig's meeting with Fahd. He told reporters that in meetings this week in Washington, Menahem Begin "had definitely committed himself... to a political outcome" in Lebanon. "If there is not some unforeseen event of circumstance that makes it impossible for him," he said, President Reagan's special Middle East peace envoy Philip C. Habib will return to the Middle East "sooner rather than later" but would not say exactly when.

Following a 12-hour stop here for the Fahd meeting, Haig flew into Belgrade for meetings with Yugoslav leaders Saturday and then continue on to Berlin and Bonn Sunday.

U.S. experts to discuss aid for Israeli military

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (AP) — U.S. Defense Department technical experts will travel to Israel Sept. 20 to discuss a "complicated scheme" to use American aid for the Israeli military to purchase defense equipment from their country's own manufacturers, a senior U.S. Defense official said.

The official said "several hundred million dollars" could be involved in the weapons purchase program, which would vary from the normal method of using U.S. military aid for purchase of American-manufactured equipment. He said that following the meeting Sept. 20, other U.S. experts would go to Israel to discuss wider areas of cooperation to counter what he called the "Soviet military threat" in the Middle East. These could include agreements for Israeli maintenance of U.S. military equipment and use of Israeli air cover to keep open ceilings in the eastern Mediterranean.

The official, who asked not to be identified by name, spoke to reporters following meetings between U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon. After those meetings, a communique was issued saying joint discussions between the two countries' military experts would be held and would lead to a meeting "in the near future" between Weinberger and Sharon. The official said that meeting could come as early as next month or December.

The sessions between the two countries' defense leaders were held following meetings

between Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin and President Ronald Reagan at which both urged stronger military cooperation between their two sides.

The defense official maintained the discussions leading to greater U.S.-Israeli cooperation were not tied to the AWACS plane sale, but he said that should Congress refuse to allow the sale, "The administration would have to reconsider its overall security plan for the Middle East." "This could have the unfortunate effect of delaying cooperation with Israel where we want to move forward quickly," he said.

Asked if the agreements could be worked out in advance of a congressional vote, he said, "time is too short for the details to be worked out before the vote in the Senate." Providing U.S. aid for Israel to purchase weapons of its own manufacture would boost the Israeli defense industry as well as arming the Israeli military, the official said. From the U.S. point of view, he said, it could have the advantage of speeding up deliveries in backed-up U.S. defense industries.

The discussions also could lead to direct U.S. purchase of Israeli military equipment, possibly such items as ammunition, the defense official said. He said that in the later meetings concentrating on wider cooperation, the subjects could include a cooperative agreement to use Israeli aircraft "against a Soviet threat" in the Mediterranean and use of Israel's "considerable maintenance capability" to keep up U.S. equipment.

Arabs help reopen vital Beirut link

BEIRUT, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — Efforts by an Arab mediation committee resulted in the reopening Saturday of a major crossing point along the commercial quarter which separates Beirut into two sectors.

The traffic crossing, at the National Museum, had been closed since last April during fighting between right-wing Christians and Syrian peacekeeping forces. Beirut radio said Lebanese security forces began work early Saturday morning, using bulldozers to remove the roadblocks and sand mounds which had made the area inaccessible. Despite a lull in fighting after a June 9 ceasefire, the road had remained closed.

The fighting between the Phalangists and Syrian peacekeepers resulted in the closure of all but one of the crossing points between the two sectors of the divided capital.

The Arab League mediation team known as the Arab Follow-up Committee on Lebanon, met under Lebanese President Elias Sarkis in Beirut on Sept. 4 and announced a resolution to ban the entry of all illegal weapon supplies through ports controlled by private militias and the reopening of crossing points as a prelude to national reconciliation among the various factions.

Syria, which maintains a 22,000-man peacekeeping force in Lebanon to oversee a post-civil war armistice is represented in the committee which also includes the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait besides the secretary-general of the Arab League.

Beirut newspapers said Saturday the long-awaited attempt to reopen the Museum crossing came after a round of intensive contacts among various groups and mediators.

Friday, the newspapers said, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Lebanon Ali Shaer met with Bashir Gemayel, commander of the Christian militia, and Col. Muhammad Ghannem, chief of intelligence of the Syrian forces in Lebanon. So far, there has been no agreement on reopening the other crossing points in this city of one million where thousands of people cross the line daily to go to work.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Liberation Organization has moved an armored battalion into southern Lebanon to reinforce its positions in the expectation that Israel planned to mount a new offensive, Palestinian sources said.

Photographers of armored units leaving the Lebanese capital appeared Saturday in most Beirut newspapers. The pictures showed troops carrying rocket-launchers, grenades and amphibious anti-aircraft armored vehicles. Papers reported the unit left Beirut Thursday for an undisclosed location in south Lebanon. Palestinian sources said a battalion that included long-range artillery units was also moved south in recent weeks.

PLO officials said that the Israeli claims of attacks on Maj. Haddad's enclave were untrue and designed to set the stage for a full-scale ground attack. They said a major buildup of men and equipment was detected on Israel's side.

Explaining the dispatch of Palestinian units to the south, one Palestinian source said, "Sometimes it is better to show force than to use force." He insisted that if the ceasefire broke down, it would be by Israel's initiative.

In a speech to a conference in Beirut, Arafat said earlier this week that "We know through our information and agents that they (Israelis) are preparing for a new wide-scale attack for which we must be prepared." Arafat suggested that Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin sought a green light from U.S. President Ronald Reagan for a new offensive during their summit in Washington, last week.

Soviets step up anti-Poland campaign

MOSCOW, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — The latest developments in Poland are attracting strong interest among Soviet citizens, and Kremlin authorities seem to be stepping up their own internal propaganda and information machine in response.

At the moment, concern among Soviet officials seems greatest over a resolution issued Tuesday by the independent Polish trade union Solidarity that expressed support for similar unofficial trade unions in other East European countries. Moscow television has announced "workers' rallies" in various cities decrying the resolution, and a Soviet press offensive against the document is expected.

The high level of citizen interest in Poland was obvious this week at a public political lecture in downtown Moscow, where the announced topics were America and the Middle East. When the question-and-answer

period came, many of the listeners handed in written questions about Poland instead.

"Why hasn't order been restored yet in Poland?"

"Why is there so much support for Solidarity?"

"Can we have a special lecture on Polish situation?"

"The public interest seems to far outweigh curiosity over Afghanistan, where Soviet forces are in battle. Poland, unlike Afghanistan, is a fellow Slavic nation, and events there have far greater significance for the Soviet Union's own society."

Soviet public interest in Solidarity includes some sympathy, largely among intellectuals and in Soviet areas bordering Poland. More than 1 million Soviet citizens are of Polish ethnic origin. "Some workers are intrigued, seeing the Poles standing up to the authorities," claims a Muscovite active in the dissident movement.

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Bank robbers use thinner as weapon

HONG KONG, Sept. 12 (AFP) — Paint thinner was the primary weapon of three armed men who made off with U.S. \$61,500 in a robbery of a Kowloon branch of the Chase Manhattan bank Saturday.

The thieves poured the thinner over the floor and threatened to set it on fire if their demands were not met. Menacing tellers with a gun and knife, they obtained the ransom, fleeing but leaving about \$5,000 on the counter and another thousand outside the bank in the hurried getaway.

Also found outside were five Molotov cocktails in a bucket and two others broken on the street. Police cordoned off the area for a search, but the robbers escaped, apparently with the help of an accomplice waiting in a van.

After the robbery, a bank employee and a client were taken to hospital for treatment of eye irritation caused by the paint thinner fumes.

Begin finds a friend

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12 (AP) — Prime Minister Menahem Begin said U.S. naval use of Israel's airports and Mediterranean harbors was under consideration as one way of U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation. Speaking in an Israel Television interview, Begin also said he was favorably impressed with President Ronald Reagan after their first meetings this week.

"He is a very interesting man, very charming, warm hearted, open," Begin said of the president. "We have a real friend in the White House."

Asked specifically whether Israel might grant air and sea facilities to the United States, Begin replied: "It is possible to consider this, yes. We have two very important Mediterranean ports, good ones, and it is possible to add to them."

He was referring to the northern port of Haifa and Ashdod to the south. If expanded, both could be useful to the American Sixth Fleet stationed in the Mediterranean, he said.

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Sultan opens building for S. Region command

KHAMIS MUSHAYT, Sept. 13 (SPA) — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan today dedicated the Southern Region Command's new headquarters at King Faisal Military City here. He also inaugurated the new guest house at the military city.

Prince Sultan is currently touring the Southern Region to inspect military units and installations.

After cutting the ribbon which marked the official opening of the new building, Prince Sultan inspected the SR14-million headquarters' departments and the progress of work. The new guest house cost SR53 million.

"You are heroes, the sons of those who struggled and fought for Islam and Arabism. They realized their achievements true faith and heroism. They did not have the equipment or advanced technology that you have today," Prince Sultan told the armed forces personnel.

"We are glad to have brothers in struggle

among us today, the members of the Palestine Liberation Organization. We hope that you will find them as they find you in the liberation of Holy Jerusalem," he added.

"We have been accustomed to your honest and silent work and blind loyalty to God, to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and to the country's leadership, while you have been used to (expect from us) positivity, righteousness, fruitful work and struggle for the cause of God," Prince Sultan said.

He inspected King Faisal military city's hospital and the maintenance workshops which have been equipped with the most advanced devices. Maj. Muhammad Ali Al-Shayb, military's public works projects director, said that the hospital cost SR80 million and the workshops SR70 million.

The tour also included other installations of the Defense and Aviation Ministry. Prince Sultan was accompanied by Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Asir governor, and members of the Palestine Liberation Organization who were received by the defense and aviation minister earlier in the day.

The defense and aviation minister had arrived in Abha Saturday from Sharoura where he inspected the Armed Forces installations and inaugurated a 55-bed hospital in Widca. His tour of the Southern Region began Friday.

Upon arrival in Abha, Prince Sultan was greeted by Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Southern Region Commander Maj. Gen. Yusuf Al-Rashed and other senior military personnel.

Prince Khalid Al-Faisal gave a dinner banquet in Prince Sultan's honor. The function was attended by the delegation accompanying the minister, as well as senior officials.

Pilgrims' return plan viewed

TAIF, Sept. 13 (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed Sunday presided over a meeting to discuss the work plan of King Abdul Aziz International Airport of Jeddah and regulation of the pilgrims' departure after performing the pilgrimage. Prince Majed is also the chairman of the Central Pilgrimage Committee.

All Abu Al-Ula, secretary of the Supreme Pilgrimage committee, said that two-hour meeting endorsed a program drawn by a sub-committee about the operation of the airport. The program takes into consideration that KAIA should be operating 18 hours daily.

Abu Al-Ula said that this program will help authorities concerned to cope with the pressure of the pilgrims' departure and regulate it so that they will not be delayed. Airlines will be advised to transfer pilgrims arriving on regular flights to the pilgrims' flights, he said.

According to new instructions, pilgrims should not be delayed more than six hours. Abu Al-Ula said. The competent authorities have been recommended to complete entry procedures as soon as possible, he added.

During the departure of pilgrims, the airport's inlets will be closed to all but those who will fly out within 24 hours.

Meanwhile, Pilgrimage and Endowments Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie informed the authorities to make stricter control over the pilgrims' groups and to let out those whose departure time is due from Makkah and Medina. Abdul Al-Ula said.

MWL's council goes into session

MAKKAH, Sept. 13 (SPA) — Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz opened the 23rd session of Muslim World League's Constituent Council here Sunday.

The opening session was concluded by the formation of several committees which resumed meetings later in the evening. The committees formed by the council included the political, cultural, general, financial and administrative and drafting committees.

After the opening statement by Sheikh Abdul Aziz, during which he urged a return to the principles of the Holy Book, MWL Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Haraki addressed the council. Sheikh Haraki, referring to the MWL general secretary's report, lauded the Kingdom's financial support which he said was the major source for financing the council's budget.

He said that some member countries also are contributing to the council. However, he urged all members of the council to seek annual contributions from their countries.

Rifat Mustafaba, member of the council, read a message from the premier of the Federation State of Cyprus. The premier described the interpretation of the current Islamic revival by Islam's enemies as a military alliance, as baseless allegation. "Our religion urges us to spread Islam," the message read.

Sheikh Issa Yusuf, member of the council, praised MWL's support for the people of Eastern Turkistan to help them face the Communists occupying that Islamic country. He referred to the war waged by Communists against mosques and Islamic books in Eastern Turkistan.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Abdul Sattar Afghan representative and member of the council, said Sunday that the question of Afghanistan will be discussed during his session. On behalf of the Afghan people and freedom-fighters, Sheikh Abdul Sattar questioned in all fields.

He also thanked Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, chairman of the committee for donations to Afghan freedom-fighters, the Saudi Arabian Red Crescent Society and the MWL.

Kayyal meets Trudeau

OTTAWA, Sept. 13 (SPA) — Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau Saturday discussed with Dr. Alawi Durwish Kayyal, minister of posts, telegraph and telephones, the ways and means to foster Saudi Arabia, Canadian cooperation in the field of telecommunications.

The meeting was attended by Canadian Communications Minister, Francis Fox, and Ahmed Biari, the Saudi Arabian charge d'Affaires in Canada. Kayyal conferred with Fox Friday and signed a telecommunication agreement.

Kayyal arrived here last Monday on an official visit at the invitation of his Canadian opposite number.



Prince Majed

He said that the meeting agreed to reserve the old airport pilgrims city for pilgrims whose departure time was not due. They will stay there until the time of their departure comes, he said.

Farmers given SR25.2m loans

HASA, Sept. 13 (SPA) — The Agricultural Bank's branch in Hofuf has issued SR25.2 million in loans during the month of August, according to the branch's director, Ahmed Al-Husseini, Sunday.

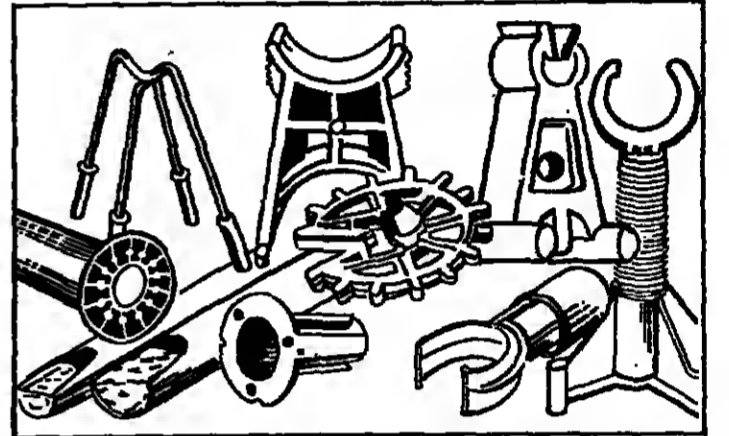
He said that 74 loans granted to farmers were used to finance chemical fertilizers, seeds, agricultural machinery, fuel purchases and wages for workers. During the same period, the bank financed three agricultural projects at a total cost of SR20.5 million, Husseini said.

The projects included a poultry farm to produce 600,000 chicken annually and a fruit and vegetables farm in glass houses with an annual capacity of 300,000 kgs. output. The third project involves an animal husbandry farm.

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Eytan's remarks hit Egyptian-Israeli ties

RO, Sept. 12 (AP) — Egypt has indefinitely postponed the visit here of Israel's chief of staff to protest statements sowing doubt about peace with Egypt without President Anwar Sadat, it is reported Friday.

Gen. Raphael Eytan, Mo'day was in as saying that peace with Egypt "one man alone" Sadat and would be if he was overthrown. Eytan's statement "offensive to Egypt's honor," the ritative *Al Ahram* newspaper said, that Defense Minister Abdul Halim

Ghazala Summoned Israeli ambassador here, Moshe Sasson, protested Eytan's remarks and informed him of the indefinite postponement of Eytan's visit, scheduled in September, and a return one to Israel planned by Egypt's military chief of staff.

Israel's ambassador was out immediately reachable for comment. The newspaper report said Abu-Ghazala also termed Eytan's statement "irresponsible and harmful to the peace efforts" and requested a clarification from Israel's defense ministry. Eytan, according to the Israeli newspaper *Maariv*, made his remarks during a lecture to high school students earlier this week. They came in the wake of Sadat's crackdown on an estimated 1,536 persons allegedly involved in religious-strife and accused of "defaming" his regime.

Al Ahram quoted Eytan as saying "there are troubles in Egypt and it is possible that President Sadat will go and everything will come to an end."

Meanwhile, in New York, former Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan predicted Friday that friendly relations between Israel and Egypt would wither next year after Israel returns the Sinai peninsula to Egypt.

Dayan, who played a major role in negotiations leading to Egyptian-Israeli peace agreements, said: "Egypt will get in line with the other countries (the Arab states opposed to Israel)... The Egyptian cannot cut himself from the rest of the Arab world." Dayan, who led Israel's forces in the wars of 1967 and 1973 and later was foreign minister for Prime Minister Menahem Begin, was in New York to promote a new book. He predicted that cultural exchanges between Egypt and Israel would stop next year after the Israeli Sinai withdrawal.

World lawyers condemn Cairo arrests

USSELS, Sept. 12 (R) — An international association of lawyers Saturday called protests against the recent wave of arrests.

Arrested included well-known advocates of human rights and most of Egypt's eminent lawyers, the International Association of Democratic Lawyers said in a unique released here. It said those arrested have been denied proper right of sight. "The repression constitutes a denial right to a proper trial," the association

International Association of Democratic Lawyers calls on lawyers of all countries to express their concern at this situation, and to desire to put an end to this particularly a denial of the most basic right of personality," it added.

In occupied areas

Israel to build 4 new settlements

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12 (AP) — Acting Minister Simcha Ehrlich said Friday Israel would build four more Jewish settlements in occupied areas.

In an interview with armed forces radio, Ehrlich said that after the government had set up to four more new settlements, it would turn its attention to expanding existing settlements. About 30,000 settlers have moved into more than 120 settlements in West Bank and Golan Heights since Israel occupied the territories from Jordan and Syria in 1967.

Under the terms of a peace treaty with the Jewish settlers must vacate about 10 settlements in the Sinai when Israel completes withdrawal in April from the peninsula. Ehrlich said he hoped it would be orderly evacuation. He said that as Jewish settlers move out of the Sinai settlements in the next few months, their houses will be taken over by the Israeli army until the final withdrawal date.

Ehrlich, who is acting prime minister

while Premier Menahem Begin is in the United States, handles settlements as minister of agriculture. Earlier in the week, several dozen Israelis opposed to the withdrawal agreement moved into 16 vacated houses in the Sinai settlement of Telmei Yosef, south of the Gaza Strip. Ehrlich has said he would prevent any future squatter attempts to obstruct the withdrawal process.

Ehrlich also said that after the new settlements were established, stress would be put on increasing the populations of the existing ones. Israel had 18,500 Israelis living in 79 West Bank settlements according to official figures published last March. An intensive recruiting drive was aimed at swelling this number to some 26,000 by the time of the June 30 election, but no statistics have since been released to show whether this goal was met. During Begin's first four years in office, the Jewish population on the West Bank quadrupled.

Vows revenge

Khomeini warns Madani killers

TEHRAN, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — Ayatollah Khomeini Saturday accused secular leftist elements of his regime of assassinating his main representative in the northwestern province of Tabriz and vowed revenge on the slayers of the great satan, the criminal rickshaw.

The 81-year-old leader took this oath in a message to the Iranian nation broadcast by Tehran radio as thousands of mourning mourners hurried the slain Friday prayers leader of Tabriz, Ayatollah Mohammad Jafar Madani.

Madani, one of Khomeini's most trusted aides, was killed by a suicide commando who set off a grenade strapped on his chest in a praying crowd led by Madani. "The slayer will take revenge for this latest crime of vicious hypocrites," Khomeini said. "God's eternal disgrace and curse befall lackeys of the great satan, the criminal rickshaw, which thinks that with such connivance... it can weaken the revolutionary of the Iranian nation."

Khomeini said his 36 million countrymen women stood in "solidly closed ranks on the battlefield to shield the revolution against the forces of Islam and their bloodthirsty masochism. If the banner falls from the hands of a commander, it will be picked up by their more determined commander and for Islam," Khomeini added.

Madani is believed to be the first time that the Iranian leader has threatened revenge since the Islamic Mujaheddin Khalq organization launched its urban guerrilla war of bombings and assassinations to overthrow his regime 11 weeks ago.

PIA dismisses 581 employees

KARACHI, Sept. 12 (AFP) — Pakistan International Airlines has dismissed another 581 employees, including 153 officers, in a campaign to reduce overstaffing and improve efficiency, it was officially announced here Saturday.

Among the dismissed officers are PIA general managers, managers, pilots, flight engineers, ground engineers, cabin crew and officers belonging to other departments. All employees whose services have been terminated will be entitled to retirement benefits.

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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (R) — The Arab states have not decided on their candidate for the post of United Nations secretary general, Arab League sources said Saturday.

WASHINGTON (AP) — American Ambassador hard N. Vicks broke his right hand and suffered minor bruises when he fell from a second floor window outside the Jordanian capital a spokesman for the U.S. embassy said Saturday.

BUCHAREST, (AFP) — Kuwaiti ruler Sheikh Jabar Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah arrived here Saturday from Sofia on the third stage of a 12-day tour taking him to Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, and Yugoslavia.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali had talks in Pyongyang on ways to promote friendly relations with North Korea, the (North) Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said Saturday.

TUNIS, (AFP) — The council of Arab health ministers will hold its eighth special session Sept. 16 and 17 in Tunis, it was announced Saturday at Arab League headquarters here.

ISLAMABAD, (AFP) — An earthquake of mild intensity shook Islamabad and nearby Rawalpindi early Saturday causing no loss of life or property, reports indicated.

CAIRO, (AFP) — Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Butros Ghali, will pay an official visit to Italy starting Tuesday, the newspaper *Al Ahram* reported Friday.

Gen. Evren reiterates commitment to democracy

ANKARA, Sept. 12 (R) — A year after the military seized power in Turkey, head of state Gen. Kenen Evren has reiterated his administration's dedication to the restoration of a parliamentary democratic system. In a year-end speech broadcast on the national media Saturday, Evren, head of the five-man National Security Council (NSC) which toppled the civilian government last Sept. 12, summarized pre-coup conditions in Turkey as well as the military's 12 months in power.

Evren said steps for a return to civilian rule would emerge only after a constituent assembly begins functioning Oct. 23.

The constituent assembly, which he said was the first step to a systematic restoration of democracy, will be composed of 160 selected members and the NSC acting as an upper house. It will be charged with drawing up a new constitution and electoral laws.

Gen. Evren had earlier announced that general elections would be held following the enactment of these fundamental laws.

The military leaders have excluded all former politicians from participating in the first elections and Gen. Evren said Saturday it would be unthinkable to allow former political groups to continue their feuds as before. Outlining a relentless struggle against political terrorism in Turkey, Evren said: "In spite of the success won against widespread violence, the struggle must go on. It is so easy to overcome or to win over large numbers of people who have over years been conditioned by foreign ideologies and various interests."

Fighters kill Afghan Communists

NEW DELHI, Sept. 12 (AP) — Afghan fighters killed at least 150 members of the ruling Communist Party in Afghanistan in strikes on two army centers near the capital of Kabul, a report from the city said Friday.

The report, from a Kabul source who has been reliable in the past, said that Muslim fighters attacked the military centers at Shewaki and Binhisar villages, about six kms from the main Soviet army garrison at Bala Hissar Fort. They reportedly were the biggest raids on military centers near Kabul by rebels who are fighting President Babrak Karmal's Soviet-installed regime. It did not say when the attacks occurred.

However, the Afghan source said that about 200 party members and some soldiers were taken prisoner by the rebels who followed up their success with a Sept. 7 midnight raid on residences of local party and military officials in Karte Nau, a Kabul suburb. When soldiers arrived to join the battle, the guerrillas blasted their jeeps with anti-tank rockets, inflicting more casualties, he added.

Soviet tanks rushed to the scene of the fight but stayed at a distance, firing occasionally but allowing the Afghans to battle it out on the street. The clash continued for about four hours when the source said, some 200 Marxists deserted and joined the rebels. These and other reports could not be independently confirmed.

Soviet advisers accompanied Afghan authorities to the area the following day and conducted searches for rebels, the source said. At least 30 persons, "most of them old men from houses near the scene of the clash," were arrested and sent to police centers for interrogation, he added. He claimed that the Karte Nau suburb was controlled by the rebels at night.

In another development, the Afghan informant reported that scores of male, high school students are dodging the military draft

Attack army centers

in Kabul by fleeing from the country, escaping to rebel-held strongholds or moving from house to house every night. The Afghan government is pressing youths into military service to bolster its army, badly hit by desertions and casualties.

On Monday, it announced that all soldiers and non-commissioned officers under 35, who had been discharged before October, 1978, must report immediately for 12 months active service. The announcement triggered angry demonstrations by Afghans, many of them schoolgirls, in which five persons were reported slain. The Kabul source said that the army has shrunk since 1979 from an estimated 80,000 troops to as few as 20,000.

He quoted a defense ministry official as saying that 18-to-19-year-old volunteers would be "appreciated" and would be paid the equivalent of \$30 to \$40 per month. An ordinary Afghan soldier is paid only about \$20. Some 2,000 youths have signed up since the announcement about the higher pay, the official claimed.

The Kabul source also mentioned Wednesday's demonstrations by schoolgirls, saying that scores of them were badly beaten by local security personnel. An estimated 400 girls were arrested and transported to police

centers as they shouted slogans against Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Karmal, he said. "Russian bears, go out of our home," he quoted some of them as chanting.

Others, he said, shouted: "Death to Brezhnev, Death to Karmal, the lackey of Moscow." The Soviet Union moved its troops into its southern neighbor in December, 1979, ousted the then President Hafizullah Amin, also a Marxist, and replaced him with Karmal.

Meanwhile, Abdulbari Jahani, former deputy television chief who recently fled to Pakistan said in Islamabad Friday — Afghan television is long on propaganda but short on entertainment and viewers. Jahani, 32, who six months ago became vice president of Afghanistan's only television channel, said viewers were being repelled by a steady diet of Soviet propaganda and religious programs aping government attitudes.

For example, he says, there is a weekly program entitled "our great neighbor to the north" consisting of dubbed Soviet television productions lauding life in Russia. And five times a week, he says the religious "mullahs" launch into lengthy sermons denouncing Afghan resistance efforts and preaching that the "revolution" is consistent with Islam.

French advisor allays staff fears

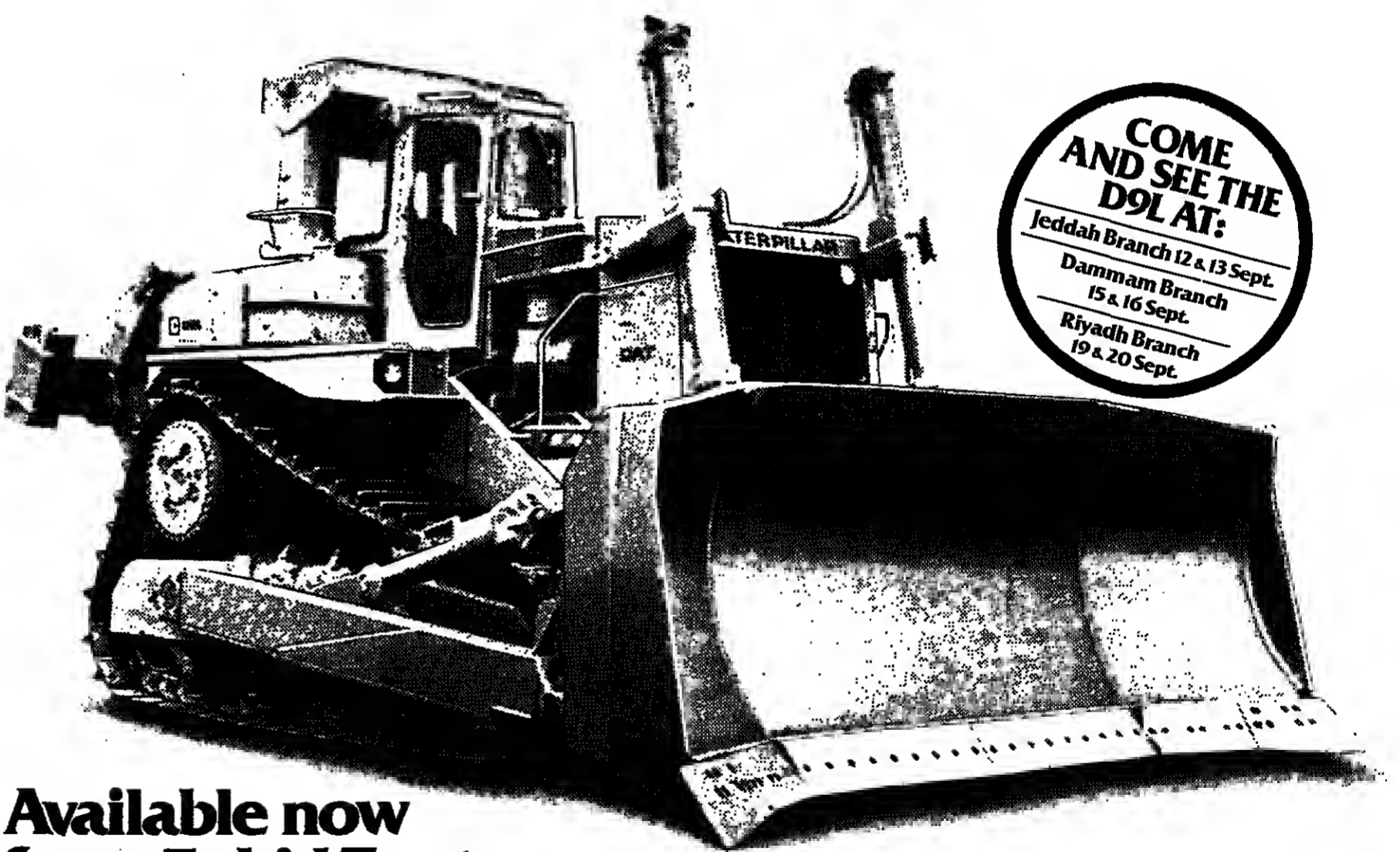
BEIRUT, Sept. 12 (AFP) — French diplomatic advisor Guy de Commines de Marsilly, sent to Lebanon to "give comfort" to the French embassy staff here after the assassination of Ambassador Delamare one week ago, left Friday at end of a five-day mission.

De Commines met with embassy personnel, members of the French community, Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan. In his meetings with the Lebanese leaders, the envoy affirmed

traditional French friendship with Lebanon but called the circumstances of ambassador Delamare's death deplorable.

The Lebanese inquiry into the ambassador's death has not yet turned up any clear leads. Prime Minister Wazzan has only said that investigators were pursuing various leads. More than 600 condolence messages have been conveyed to De Commines from various groups and religious congregations in Lebanon.

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'Peace endangered'

U.S.-Israeli pacts harm Arabs--Syria

DAMASCUS, Sept. 13 (R) — Syria has said that strategic cooperation agreements between the United States and Israel would pose a danger to Arab states and endanger peace in the Middle East.

Cairo, Bonn sign atom agreement

CAIRO, Sept. 13 (R) — Egypt and West Germany have initiated an agreement for peaceful nuclear cooperation, paving the way for the purchase by Egypt of at least two nuclear power stations worth \$1 billion each, a spokesman for the ministry of power said Sunday.

He said the agreement, initiated Saturday, would be formally signed in Bonn next month. Ministry of power officials said the government had plans to buy power stations from France, the United States and West Germany and install eight by the year 2000 to increase power supply. Egypt ratified the nuclear non-proliferation treaty earlier this year.

On arms issue

Pakistan envoy allays Indian fears

NEW DELHI, Sept. 13 (AFP) — Pakistani Ambassador to India Abdul Sattar Sunday dismissed as "unwarranted" recent alarm about the Pakistani acquisition of sophisticated arms, blaming it on "misinformation and exaggeration."

Pakistan had no intention of starting an arms race with India, he added at a Rotary club seminar here. Such a possibility was "excluded because of the objective disparities" between the military strength of the two countries. Describing a proposed \$1.5 billion Pakistani arms purchase as "comparatively modest", Sattar commented that "more than this amount is being paid by India for the purchase of one single item, namely the Anglo-French Jaguar aircraft."

Sattar said India had received "lethal" aircraft, including the latest MiG-23S, Jaguars

A Syrian government spokesman said in a statement Saturday: "These serious agreements are hostile to the Arab nation and to peace and security in the Arab region, and will place all American potential at the disposal of the Israeli enemy." Under these agreements, the spokesman said, the U.S. administration "has tightly linked U.S. strategic interests and security to those of Israel, thus making both American and Israel one correlated entity."

He added: "While the Syrian government warns the United States against this hostile policy, it calls upon the Arab governments to assume responsibilities in the face of this danger and to take all appropriate measures that would guarantee defending the substantial interests of the Arabs, their future, security and existence."

The spokesman urged the Arab masses to "realize the seriousness of the new situation and to prepare themselves to counter this spread of American interests." The Arab nation, he said, "will defeat this aggressive pact as well as all Zionist and imperialist American designs."

Iran executes 78 rivals in three days

TEHRAN, Sept. 13 (Agencies) — Seventy-eight leftists were executed in the last three days here and in several other Iranian cities, Iran's news agency Pars reported Saturday night. Those executed were accused of being members of the Mujahedeen Khalq and the Fedayeen Khalq for taking part in assassinations, armed insurrection, armed robbery, bank robberies and attacks on military centers.

Pars also reported that Ayatollah Eshargui, the son-in-law of Ayatollah Khomeini died of a stroke in a hospital. He had been treated for a brain ailment several months ago and was hospitalized a few days ago.

Meanwhile, the Iranian government Saturday announced creation of a powerful new intelligence network to combat escalation anti-government violence as a new clash between authorities and left-wing rebels left two persons dead.

The latest battle erupted after some 30 members of Mujahedeen-Khalq took to the streets for the second time this week in a demonstration on one of Tehran's main arteries. They marched for about 500 meters, firing shots in the air and tossing molotov cocktails in the roadway and smashing windows of a bank before they were confronted by revolutionary guards and revolutionary committee members.

Eyewitnesses said there was an intense 10-minute exchange of fire with revolutionary guards. They said the Mujahedeen dispersed after 30 minutes, but the firing continued and hospital sources later reported two dead and at least three injured in the melee.

Jews invade digging area

TEL AVIV, Sept. 13 (AFP) — The weekend in Jerusalem has seen further escalation in the "war" waged by ultra-orthodox Jewish zealots against state archaeologists whose diggings on the site of Temple Mount have cut a sacrilegious swath through a Jewish burying ground.

Several thousand black-gowned orthodox Jews invaded the dig Saturday and some of the elders reportedly laid ritual curses on the offending archaeologists.

Meanwhile Israeli newspapers Sunday reported that the unearthing of a hidden tunnel running under the temple site had brought a religious warning from the chief rabbinate here.

BRIEFS

SANAA, (AEP) — North Yemeni Premier Abdul Karim Al-Eriani held talks here Saturday with visiting British Minister of State for Agricultural Affairs Lord Ferrers, the Gulf News Agency announced.

BRUSSELS, (R) — About 200 people demonstrated outside the Turkish Embassy here Saturday, marking the first anniversary of military rule in Turkey with calls for a return to democracy.

BAHRAIN, (R) — Czechoslovak President Gustav Husak arrived in South Yemen Sunday after visiting Libya and Ethiopia, the Gulf News Agency said.

SOFIA, (AFP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and should be involved in all initiatives aimed at a lasting Middle East peace. Kuwaiti ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al Jaber Al-Sabah and Bulgaria agreed during a three-day visit here.

SINGAPORE, (AFP) — Oman is interested in having its engineers and doctors trained at the National University of Singapore (NUS), the Omani under secretary of education, Sheikh Amir Ali Omar, said here Sunday. Sheikh Amir, who is on a fact-finding mission, told a news conference he had had talks with minister of state for education Tay Eng Soon and NUS Vice Chancellor Lim Pin.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — About 300 people staged a rally Saturday in Lafayette Park, near White House, to protest against the downing of two Libyan planes last month by U.S. Navy jets off the Libyan coast.

Condemns Israeli aggression

World conference backs Palestinian movement

BEIRUT, Sept. 13 (AP) — An international conference on "solidarity with the Lebanese and the Palestinians" ended here Saturday with a declaration of support for the Palestine Liberation Organization and a condemnation of what was described as "the aggressive policy pursued by U.S. imperialism and Israel."

The conference, which included representatives from various countries, also consisted of representatives of international trade unions and several leftist groups. Among prominent participants was British actress and political activist Vanessa Redgrave. The 41-year-old redhead, known for her sympathy of the Palestinian struggle, was here also for the first showing of the film *Occupied Palestine*. Redgrave said the film was about "the reality of life under Zionist rule in the (Israeli) occupied territories. She described the congress as an outstanding success."

The final communique on the three-day congress focussed on the July Israeli raids on southern Lebanon. The conference condemned the raids.

"It is the imperative duty of world public opinion to condemn and to bring to trial all those perpetrators of the genocidal war against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples," the communique added.

The Israeli raids which began July 10 and ended with a ceasefire mediated by the U.N. and the United States. The air, sea and artillery assaults left 400 persons dead and nearly 2,000 wounded, according to PLO and official Lebanese counts. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, in a speech at the opening session of the conference Thursday described the latest Israeli aggression as the "sixth Mideast war" and predicted Israel would launch a fresh offensive against Palestinians in south Lebanon.

Libya bombs Chad fighter positions

KHARTOUM, Sept. 13 (AP) — Libyan planes have been hitting Chad fighter positions in eastern Chad for the past 24 hours and a total of 25 Libyans were killed in two separate battles in the area during the past two weeks, the Sudan News Agency reported Saturday.

The report said a total of 240 troops of pro-Libyan Minister Ahmad Aycil died in the fighting in two cities. Iriba, 720 kms northwest of the Sudanese borders, and in Guereda, 80 kms northwest of the same frontier. It said troops loyal to Hissene Habre, former defense minister of Chad opposed to the Libyan military presence in his country, foiled an attack on Guereda.

'Afghan fighters have better weapons now'

LONDON, Sept. 13 (AFP) — The situation in Afghanistan has changed radically since last year, when Western journalists reported that Soviet troops controlled the principal roads, towns and valleys, according to a report in *The Observer* newspaper by a journalist just back from seven weeks in that country.

Van Lynde of the Liberal newspaper's staff said that he was "confronted by a very different situation" that which existed one year ago, with fighters openly operating in areas close to the main centers of Soviet operations.

During his stay with fighters in the Pagan region, Van Lynde said that "five major Russian offensives ended in failure, with launching regular attacks during the intervening periods." Afghan rebels have better weapons than before, Lynde said. The rebels' arsenal is composed of rifles, anti-tank grenades and ammunition bought in bazaars, he said.

"I saw no signs and heard no rumors of the resistance having any anti-aircraft rocket launchers," Van Lynde said. According to the journalist, the Afghan regular army has diminished from 80,000 to 20,000 men.

Nyerere holds talks with Chadli Benjedid

ALGIERS, Sept. 13 (R) — President Nyerere of Tanzania arrived here Saturday, the Algerian news agency APS reported. The agency quoted Nyerere as saying his talks with Algerian President Chadli Benjedid covered the situation in Africa and international affairs in advance of next month's north-south summit in Cancun, Mexico.

Cairo building collapses killing three

CAIRO, Sept. 13 (AP) — Three persons died Sunday when a four-story building collapsed in the heart of Cairo's business and shopping district.

The 20-year-old building was in good condition, inhabitants of the neighborhood said. But construction going on adjacent to the building damaged its foundations and caused its collapse. The three who died were not tenants of the building, who had all left earlier in the day to attend to various occupations, police sources at the site said. The dead included a young girl who sold cigarettes in a kiosk beneath the building. The other two were the owner of a ground-floor coffee shop and one of his customers, a policeman.

Gambia minister visits Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI, Sept. 13 (R) — Gambian External Affairs Minister Lamin Kity Jahang briefed United Arab Emirates (UAE) officials Sunday on the abortive leftist coup in his country last July.

The UAE minister of State for Foreign Affairs Reshid Abdullah Al-Nuaimi said the Gambian minister also discussed with him Middle East developments, bilateral relations and Arab-African cooperation, the official Emirates News Agency reported.

Gambia's President Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara was in Loodon for the wedding of Prince Charles when the coup attempt was made. Neighboring Senegal helped him put down the rebellion.

8,000 held in Sudan

KHARTOUM, Sept. 13 (AFP) — Security authorities have arrested about 8,000 people in this Sudanese capital on the grounds that they were threatening public order.

The daily *Al Ayam* said Sunday the crackdown was carried out Saturday against aliens, vagrants, unemployed people and criminals on streets, markets and public places. About 200 were released later, and remaining detainees would be sent for work in agricultural schemes in various parts of Sudan where manpower is scarce *Al Ayam* said.

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Parliament ruling

Gandhi cleared of fund scandal

NEW DELHI, Sept. 12 (AP) — India's vice president and upper house chairman has led in parliament that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was not directly involved in a funds scandal involving alleged extortion in Bombay area businessmen.

Vice President Muhammad Hidayatullah dismissed as incorrect and unfounded an opposition motion accusing Mrs. Gandhi's finance minister of lying and willfully misleading the house when the minister declared that she had not authorized use of her name for collection of money.

The five-page decision by Hidayatullah, a former chief justice, was Friday greeted with cheers from members of Mrs. Gandhi's ruling Congress Party who for 11 days had been battling to shield the prime minister in parliament.

Floods threaten Chinese project

PEKING, Sept. 12 (AP) — Disastrous floods in northern China, said to be the worst in 50 years, are threatening a major hydroelectric power project on the Yellow River, the New China News Agency (NCNA) reported Saturday.

The agency said the government had urged all-out efforts to strengthen and raise a 54-meter coffer dam for the Loogyang reservoir which is to regulate the flow of the Yellow River and feed a chain of five power plants.

As a precautionary measure, the flood relief gate of the reservoir for the Liuji-gorge hydroelectric power project down the river Gansu province has been opened, NCNA said. The population in the autonomous regions of Ningxia and Inner Mongolia has been put on alert, the agency said.

ment from the troubles of Gandhi supporter A.R. Antulay, the chief minister of Maharashtra state.

Antulay submitted his resignation after admitting and defending the collection of money from industrialists for several welfare funds administered by him in exchange for allotments of scarce cement, sugar and ethyl alcohol.

The resignation has not been accepted. Antulay supporters were flocking from Bombay, the Maharashtra state capital, to New Delhi still hoping to persuade Mrs. Gandhi and her high command to let him keep his state office. A leading newspaper said the Antulay affair had "the makings of an Indian Watergate scandal" and estimated that \$50 to 60 million was involved.

Hidayatullah, said in his ruling there seemed to be a communication gap between Mrs. Gandhi and Antulay on the question of whether she had given permission for the use of her name on one fund referred to in newspapers as the Indira Gandhi Trust.

One thought the consent was given and the other was clear that it was not," the vice president said.

Bombay newspapers last October had published photographs of Mrs. Gandhi signing some papers which the state government at the time publicized as a document authorizing use of her name on the trust. The vice president said the photo caption was incorrect and it "was most probably done by the Maharashtra (state) government. It could not be the prime minister's doing," he added, suggesting that Antulay's state government "went too far with so little from the prime minister."

Hidayatullah did not say what it was Mrs. Gandhi was signing but he declared the date and circumstances indicated she was not plac-

ing her name on the trust. "There facts clearly prove that if anybody told a lie it was not the finance minister," he said, dismissing the censure motion against Finance Minister Ramaswami Venkataraman.

The vice president also refused to admit a parliamentary censure motion against Arun Shourie, executive editor of the *Indian Express* newspaper, whose investigative reports brought the Antulay affair to public attention.

Although Shourie had used "language which was not high-toned or polite" and had drawn some "wrong inferences," the former chief justice added that "Arun Shourie was doing a journalistic duty according to his lights... The newspapers are the eyes and ears of the public and if every citizen has right to criticize the actions of others, so also the newspapers, whose profession is to turn the light of publicity on the irregularities of public actions."

Meanwhile, one person was killed and 47 were wounded Friday when police battled with two opposing groups during a 24-hour strike in West Bengal state, sponsored by its Communist state government, the United News of India (UNI) reported. The work stoppage closed factories, government and private offices, markets and disrupted transport in the region, UNI said.

The state Communist government called the strike to protest the introduction of parliamentary legislation in New Delhi, by Mrs. Gandhi's government, banning strikes in 42 private and public sector industries.

State Chief Minister Jyoti Basu said that one incident was not connected with the strike. At least 31 policemen were injured when they were attacked by a stone-throwing mob in the eastern part of Calcutta, the state capital. Leftist supporters stopped at least nine trans-India trains from leaving Calcutta by squatting on railroad tracks.

Shuttle snag still unsolved

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (AP) — With the second launch of space shuttle *Columbia* a month away, engineers still are not sure they have remedied a problem that sent a shock wave through the ship on its maiden flight and strained it to its design limits.

If the uncertainty persists, the space agency may be forced at the last minute to remove two major experiments and delay the Oct. 9 launch, setting back the time when the shuttle becomes usable for routine trips into space with commercial and defense cargo.

"They are just testing to the bitter end on this thing," said Jim Kukowski, a spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). To date, NASA has spent \$2 million on modifications at the Cape Canaveral, Florida, launch pad and has run extensive tests with a scale model at the Marshall Space Flight Center at Huntsville, Alabama.

Depending on the outcome of the still-uncompleted tests, NASA must decide whether to remove a 16-meter robot arm capable of lifting a payload the size and weight of a loaded railroad boxcar and a scientific experiments package.

The experiments package is installed on a U-shaped 3-meter long pallet built by the British Aerospace Corp. The arm is considered the most vulnerable component of the second shuttle flight and engineers could decide to have another test flight before installing such hardware.

"I think it's a possibility, I don't think it's a probability," William H. Hamby, head of a key NASA engineering group, said Friday. The delicate \$100-million arm, built in Canada, is a key component to the shuttle's ability to place objects into orbit and to retrieve them. It was bolted into place aboard *Columbia* in June. Its removal takes about five days and it would delay the shuttle countdown by days longer.

A last-minute postponement of launch, where fuels must be removed and reloaded,

BRIEFS

PARIS (AFP) — Former French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing will travel to the United States next Friday to attend the opening of a museum dedicated to ex-U.S. President Gerald Ford, it was learned here Saturday. Giscard d'Estaing, defeated in May elections, has been invited by Ford to attend the opening ceremony at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

CAPE TOWN (AFP) — The United States has built a 50 kilowatt medium wave radio transmitter in Botswana and is to begin broadcasting to South Africa and neighboring countries Sunday, well informed sources said here Saturday. The new service is to be launched with a message from Chester Crocker, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for African affairs, the sources said.

TRELISKE, England (AP) — More than 700 babies and young born treated at Royal Cornwall Hospital will be checked for tuberculosis because a doctor in the hospital's maternity ward was found to have the disease, health officials said Saturday.

KAMPALA (AFP) — The Ugandan government Friday arrested executives of the *Champion* newspaper, which Wednesday reported that Kenya had imported 28 American F-16 jet fighters to help overthrow the government of President Milton Obote.

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To colonize space Moon catapults visualized

ROME, Sept. 12 (AFP) — The idea of gigantic moon catapults to help "colonize" outer space... has been described to delegates attending the 32nd International Space Travel Congress here. It was one of the many science fiction ideas among the highly serious technical papers presented to delegates attending the week-long conference which ended Saturday.

Dr. G.K. O'Neill (Institute of Space Study, Princeton), suggested that huge catapults should be installed on the moon in order to dispatch raw materials, obtainable on the moon, to factories orbiting in outer space.

The idea is in line with those space "visionaries" who believe that outer space colonization can only be undertaken with raw materials and supplies obtained from other sources than the earth. They look on the moon as a sort of "cosmic mine."

O'Neill's catapult would be 250 meters long, weighing 100 tons and powered by solar energy. It could, theoretically, launch 200 grams of moon minerals to distances of about 60,000 kms to the so-called "lagrange points" — "dead" areas where the mutual attraction of the moon and earth cancel out each other.

Any body caught within this "dead" area will remain there. O'Neill has calculated that one of his moon catapults would be able to dispatch 8,800 tons of material there annually. As the moon's attraction is six times less than that of the earth, the power needed to leave it is that much lower.

Samples of moon rocks brought back to earth show that, when chemically treated, they could provide oxygen, silicon and ceramics for astronauts.

Delegates at a special symposium examined the possibility of other forms of life... or intelligence, in outer space. It was agreed that, if they do exist, then it is outside the solar system.

At present the only way to probe this area is to try and pick up any radio signals that might be sent by intelligent beings. For this reason, there are a number of projects for building powerful radio telescopes which would feed their data into huge computers to detect characteristic signals from other beings in outer space.

The 33rd International Space Travel Congress will be held in Paris (Sept. 27 — Oct 2) with the theme: "Space 2000: Future Plans".

Pressure from U.S.

Thais to destroy opium fields

CHIANG MAI, Thailand, Sept. 12 (AP) — Thailand with pressure from the United States, is planning the first major destruction of opium poppy fields grown by hill tribesmen in the notorious "golden triangle," Thai and Western officials say. U.S. narcotics officers describe Thailand as perhaps the only place left in the world where opium — from which heroin is refined — is illicitly grown in areas under government control.

The Thai government has been reluctant to destroy the opium fields, fearing this might drive the hill tribe minorities into the arms of Communist insurgents. "I'm not terribly happy about this action but we are determined to wipe out the narcotics trade," Chiang Mai Governor Chaiya Poonsirirong said in an interview.

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Pinochet takes vow to fight Marxism

SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 12 (AP) — Saying his nation is in "a war without quarter against Soviet communism," President Augusto Pinochet vowed Friday that Marxism will never again gain a foothold in Chile.

He also warned that those who work against his right-wing regime "will pay the consequences," and said he is continuing the ban on political activity, "he for or against the government." He also noted the thaw in relations with the United States under the current Reagan administration and indicated he is hopeful the congressional ban on arms sales to Chile will be lifted.

The comments came in a two-hour speech marking the eighth anniversary of the coup in which Pinochet toppled elected Marxist President Salvador Allende.

The speech began at 11:10 EDT (1510GMT), almost the time and date in 1973 that Hawker hunter jets began rocketing the Moneda Palace where Allende was cloistered with a group of advisers. The government said later Allende blew the top of his head off with a Soviet rifle shortly before the troops closed in.

Pinochet laced the lengthy speech with lambasts against Marxism while praising the progress of his government.

"The formation of Communist Party front organization to create social unrest and destabilize the government has been the latest tactic." The 65-year-old army general told about 3,000 persons, including government employees and much of the diplomatic corps, in the Diego Portales Auditorium.

"In view of these events, I declare that we will faithfully carry out our promise to the nation and that we will accept no alteration in our chosen path. Those who dare try to change it will pay the consequences," Pinochet said. The speech was interrupted occasionally by applause.

Wearing the red, white and blue presidential sash over a blue general's uniform, his voice occasionally cracking, Pinochet said Chile "has overcome the worst crisis in history... (and) today we are showing the world one of the most solid and healthy economies on the continent."

Pinochet underscored the economic progress resulting from his free market economics policies and noted the government now is spending 53.6 percent of its budget on health, education, nutrition and housing.

He also touted his new program in which social security is being turned over to private enterprise, and promised increased efforts to eradicate extreme poverty.

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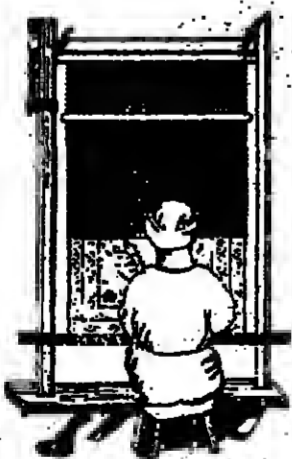
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Unusual calm after coup

By Stephen Powell

BANGUI, Central African Republic — The most gentlemanly coup d'etat ever seen in Africa has brought an unusual calm to this politically-troubled state. Just over a week ago, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Andre Kolingba announced over the radio that he had asked for and obtained the resignation of President David Dacko. A military committee for national recovery, headed by the general, now runs the country.

presidential elections held here in March, was almost creating a state within a state. At his farm Patasse had hundreds of armed retainers, some of them equipped with bows and arrows. "He was better guarded than Dacko," said an African diplomat. Even today, after the coup, the approach to his farm is blocked by the road barriers the first of which says "stop, MLPC control."

Gang killings in the style of Hollywood

By Ronald Clarke

LOS ANGELES — The heat hangs like a blanket over the darkening city. Youth's hull on street corners, jeering at passers-by and tossing stones at cars. Police drive slowly by on evening patrol keeping a watchful eye for trouble. This could be a scene from the gangster films of the late 'forties, when the Dead End Kids, the Bowery Boys and the East Side Kids gave the world Hollywood's idea of street gangs.

'STRATEGIC COOPERATION'

No further evidence is necessary to prove United States collusion with the Israeli enemy — a collusion, which ironically ignores the U.S. interests in the region and at the same time encourages Israel to widen its aggression against the Arabs. Begin's ability to twist argument in his favor at the White House is no pretext for the United States to claim that "strategic cooperation" with Tel Aviv is for the defense of the Arabs against the Soviet Union.

Pretoria aims to split Angola

By Mary Chalmers

ANGOLA is increasingly worried that the South African invasion of its southern border provinces is aimed at setting up a rebel government in the region. Luanda authorities have said repeatedly

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers mostly led with Crown Prince Fahd's meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig in Spain Saturday. They also headlined the Crown Prince's meeting with King Hassan II of Morocco, who described the Saudi Arabian peace proposals as complete and in fulfillment of the legitimate demands of the nation.

Arabian leaders will determine new factors in the future relations between the Arab world and America. The paper, however, added that Washington's renunciation of support for Israel seems to be a very difficult matter, but even more difficult is to convince the U.S. that, with its present policy, it is only bringing the Middle East to the brink of a real war.



"I'd prefer a pigeon and a glass of fresh blood" - Al Bilad

Kingdom's peace plan but a number of international organizations, mainly the European Economic Community (EEC), have considered the plan as a tangible work for a serious and fruitful work toward the realization of peace in the Middle East. The paper said that political reports from Washington indicate that Secretary of State Haig also welcomes the Kingdom's initiatives and will deal with this point during his talks with Prince Fahd in Spain. This trend gives an indication that a superpower has begun to notice basic guidelines for peace in the Saudi Arabian initiatives, the paper concluded.

that the two-week old invasion is designed to set up a huffer zone between Angola and South African-controlled Namibia. Lately the accusations have gone further. The Angolans are now saying that Pretoria intends to create a puppet State in the south of the country under the leadership of Jonas Savimbi's opposition guerrilla movement, UNITA. Certainly, reports reaching Lisbon from Angola indicate that South African forces are using their temporary control of southern Angola to restock UNITA supply dumps and cut the area's communications with the rest of the country.

Eyesight diseases treated

Lasers now widely used to correct retinal tears, diabetic blindness

By Freeman Gregory
Houston Bureau

DUSTON — It's a common scene to see who is a Western movie buff. The grimaces and fidgets as he lays wounded the campfire following an unlucky encounter with the movie's villain. His partner peels over the fire and heats the blade of the hunting knife. Then providing the victim a bullet to bite, the doctor applies the red-hot blade to his friend's wound in an effort to seal, or "cauterize," the wound with the tremendous heat. In the proper care, the hero overcomes his conflict with the villain and eventually triumphs — or so Hollywood would have us believe. Much the same way, victims of diseases that rob them of their eyesight are treated at the Hermann Eye Center. The center is at the University of Texas School of Medicine. However, instead of receiving treatment for their ophthalmic problems with an old-fashioned instrument as a hunting knife, the center's patients make use of an amplified beam of light called a "laser."

A device that contains a substance — usually a gas or a crystal — that is stimulated by focused light waves to amplify the waves in such a way that concentrates them into a narrow, intense beam of light.

Since many eye problems involve bleeding from faulty blood vessels, the laser is used to "cauterize" the blood capillaries, according to the center's director, Dr. Richard S. Ruiz. "We've been using the laser in Houston for 10 years," he said.

Repairing Retinal Tears

The first surgical procedure using a laser to correct ophthalmic problems at the center involved the repair of "retinal tears."

Dr. Ruiz explained that the condition occurs when the retina, or the rear layer of the eyeball, becomes detached from the eye. The tear can be caused by several problems, including the leakage of vitreous fluid from the eyeball's interior through a hole in the organ's tissue.

The eye surgeon continued his explanation by saying the repair of the detachment is implemented by training the laser on several points around the tear and, in effect, "welding" the removed retina back onto the eyeball.

Unlike the cowboy's surgery-by-the-campfire, no bullets are required in laser surgery, because little pain is involved, he said.

1,000 Burns Required

"The laser... can be an extremely rapid thing and for that reason does not hurt," he said. "But, you can't stand that brightness too long, and when we do this operation we may put in 1,000 burns. So, we have to give them an injection because it (the discomfort) is just too much."

The "ablation" of which Dr. Ruiz spoke involves the laser treatment of another ophthalmic-related disease — diabetes.

Diabetes Bleeding Control

"We've had great application for it within the past three or four years in the treatment of diabetes," he said.

Diabetics go blind because the bleeding that occurs in their retinas detaches large portions of the retina from the eyeball. The bleeding begins when fragile blood vessels are instructed by the brain to grow in the eyeball's poriferous regions.

Because the vessels that do grow in the outer regions are weak, they bleed within the eye, he said. The laser is used to combat the diabetic problem by systematically killing certain areas of the poriferous regions.

"We take this section of tissue that is not getting enough oxygen and that's causing these new blood vessels to form and we kill it. Then it doesn't tell the body, 'make new blood vessels.'"

"By burning a large strip of the retina with the laser and turning it into an inert scar, we can shut that process down in a larger percentage of cases," Dr. Ruiz said.

Three Glaucoma Treatments

Glaucoma presents another potential area for treatment by laser.

"There are some applications for glaucoma — for the closed angle, acute glaucoma and chronic open-angle glaucoma," he said.

When the eye's iris, or colored portion, grows too large and closes the narrow angle through which fluid drains from the eye, pressure builds inside the organ. The condition is called glaucoma. By "blasting" a hole through the iris with the laser, the fluid is permitted to escape and the condition improves.

Lasers Expensive

Investment in a medical laser is expensive, Dr. Ruiz said.

"This (laser) cost \$28,000 and we have two of them. We use it so much that if it ever breaks down we have a backup. We got the other as a demonstrator so I think we got it for \$15,000," he said.

"There are several other lasers on the market, but frankly I haven't kept up with their prices," he admitted. "You know how they are, they go up every year, but I'd say they all range between \$20,000 to \$40,000."

Buying such an instrument presented certain choices to Dr. Ruiz and his staff.

"It's sort of like buying a car. You can buy a Cadillac or you can buy a Chevrolet. I mean, they're both going to get you there."

"You can make a lot of fine line distinctions, but they both do the job quite well. Our main concern was for one that would hold up well — not one that was being dismantled every two weeks because something was going on the blink," he explained.

About 1,000 patients each year take advantage of the center's argon laser's usefulness, averaging out to a monthly patient load of between 60 to 80 persons.

The cost of treatment is by no means inexpensive. Surgical correction of a retinal tear costs \$500 and ablation procedures for diabetic-related ophthalmic problems can run as high as \$2,500.

However, the costs of laser surgery shrink when compared to the hospital costs that a patient would incur if his problem had to be corrected by regular surgery, Dr. Ruiz said.

If an ophthalmic patient had to undergo regular surgery to correct his problem, hospital costs could reach \$200 a day in Houston and up to \$500 a day in larger areas like New York and Los Angeles.

Swaziland celebrates rule, progress of King Sobhuza II

By Jack Folsie

BABANE, Swaziland, (LAT) — Warriors in their leopard skins fiercely shook spears and shields, women danced to chants, and troops with modern rifles fired. It was the day-of-days for the day-of-kings.

King Sobhuza II recently celebrated the year of his reign over this tiny southern African kingdom.

Called "Ngwenyama" by his half-million subjects, Sobhuza, 82, wearing skins, beads and feathers sat in the royal box watching, an occasional smile, the spectacle of ancient and modern Swazi dancers perform in his honor on the stadium turf.

The king appeared in good health, his eyes, his gray beard neatly trimmed. If he remains on the throne for four more years, he will surpass the record of England's Queen Victoria, who ruled from 1837-1901. He is the first member of Swazi royalty to receive a Western education (from South can tutors and as a student in a South can school), Sobhuza succeeded to the throne in 1921. His long reign was highlighted by a successful campaign to secure independence (Swaziland was a former English territory), although this did not come until 1968.

He is still friendly with the British, and Queen Margaret, representing her sister Elizabeth II at the Diamond Jubilee celebration, had the seat of honor next to the king at most of the ceremonies. Secretary of Air Force George V. Orr headed a 10-member U.S. delegation to the festivities.

Sobhuza also succeeded in regaining possession of much of his nation's land that had been bargained away to whites by some of his predecessors, and the Swazi government now owns 55 percent of the New Caledonia country. Of the private land, however, 40 percent remains in hands of whites, most of them South Africans who sought to have Swaziland incorporated into South Africa.

Swaziland remains a fascinating mix of the ancient and the modern. In agriculture and industry, it is more modern than either of the former English colonies bordering it in Africa, Lesotho and Botswana. But at the same time, Sobhuza clings tenaciously to the Swazi tribal customs, and in a sense, still a feudal ruler.

But you can't call him an absolute monarch," protested an observer of the Swazi. "He is not only guided by the counsel of his wise men but can be overruled by them. And the queen mother has greater power. The country still has traces of matriarchy."

Since Sobhuza's mother passed away long ago, the title of "queen mother" now rests with one of his senior wives. Sobhuza is thought to have married more than 100 Swazi women during his lifetime, often for political alliances. No one interviewed in the royal court seems to know how many children the king has sired. An educated guess is that he has about 500 children.

Royal family members can only be counted when they appear in public, for by tradition royal men and women wear a red feather in their hair. There was a vertiginous cloud of red feathers sitting in the stadium, near the king.

Sobhuza appears to be genuinely revered, particularly by the rural people. All must approach him on their knees. He has earned their respect, and gratitude, by his relatively benign rule.

He has survived change on the African continent that has brought down other feudal rulers such as that of Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. And he spiked the South African take-over intrigue.

But the Sobhuza reign has not escaped blemishes. There is an ubiquitous presence of members of the royal family in almost every area of Swazi political life. Its corollary of real or suspected corruption accounts for the growing dissatisfaction among young Swazis. Some are the sons of distant branches of the royal house, and others the sons and daughters of well-to-do families who have tasted Western life.

Sobhuza himself has only been outside his country since school days on two occasions, both being visits to London to lobby for independence. Young Swazis resent the slow moderation of the archaic feature of Swazi life. They are outraged by the ritual killings, for muti (magic medicine) which still occur.

There is also a formal political opposition, led by Ambrose Swane, who was allowed to return home in 1979 after 11 months in exile. He is still carefully watched by Swazi's British-trained security police.

Then there is the problem of succession when the king dies. No one will discuss the probable contenders. But the long reign of Sobhuza inevitably raises the possibility of a succession dispute. In theory the king's counselors and the queen mother in power when Sobhuza dies will make the choice.



SALMON PROTECTION: An eight-pound salmon in the River Wye is guarded by officer George Smith and his dog Juno. Twelve Welsh Water Authority officers patrol more than 150 miles of river trying to stop salmon poachers.

Salmon profitable on black market, poachers catch fish, elude police

HEREFORD, Wales — Officers here are working as many as 22 hours a day patrolling the River Wye where hundreds of salmon are being netted illegally by gangs of professional salmon poachers and sold for thousands of dollars on the black market.

A Salmon protection group (SPG), combining the efforts of Welsh Water Authority Officers and civilians has been formed to patrol 150 miles of river where the poachers have been operating.

Fresh salmon is now bringing as much as

\$12 a pound on London markets and with modern transportation readily available, the poachers can have their catch to London and sold within a matter of hours.

The poachers, many of whom are armed, keep boats and fast cars standing by for their getaway. Official reports indicate that during one night's work a four or five-man gang illegally netted 80 salmon, each around 10 pounds, in only one catch. Even at the minimum price of \$3.50 a pound they could be sold on the black market for \$2,800.

According to Welsh officers there known to be at least five different professional gangs "working" the river. They say poaching has turned into a professional crime.

Patrols to catch the poachers are carried out several nights a week with a dozen men participating. They admit that due to the number of poachers involved and the miles of river to be patrolled, their efforts are minimal. They hope the salmon price will soon come down, taking the profitability out of an illegal business.

Radiation experiments criticized Genetic damage levels increased; exposed Americans to be studied

WASHINGTON (WP) — The genetic damage done by both sudden, high-dose nuclear radiation and chronic, low-level radiation has been massively over-estimated and the amount of radiation necessary to cause genetic harm been greatly underestimated, according to a report in Science Magazine.

The report, according to Dr. James V. Neel of the University of Michigan, has apparently been to cause unwarranted fear over the possible effects of low-level radiation on the offspring of nuclear workers or the offspring of residents of the southwest who have been exposed to A-bomb test fallout.

This comes on the heels of a dispute over whether the amount of radiation needed to cause cancer has been underestimated or overestimated.

Neel, in an editorial in Science Magazine, a publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, urges President Reagan or Congress to name "a blue-ribbon committee of wide representation" and strong credibility to consider studying exposed American populations to make sure the new view is right.

The new view — that estimates of genetic effects in man based on research in mice are too great and the dose actually needed to harm genes is four times greater than believed — is summed up in an eight-page science article.

It is based not on animal experiments but on observation of Japanese children whose parents were heavily irradiated at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The report's authors are Dr. William Schull, Masanori Otake and Neel. Schull, head of the Center for Demographic and Population Genetics at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, is former epidemiology chairman at the Radiation Effects Research Foundation in Hiroshima, the successor to the post-World War II Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in studying the Hiroshima and Nagasaki populations.

Neel, professor of human genetics at the University of Michigan, has been a consultant to the same groups and a member of many of

the organizations that have set American and world guidelines for radiation exposure. Otake is a statistician with the Radiation Effects Foundation.

Their discussion is based mainly on the "doubling dose" or amount of radiation that will cause 100 percent more mutations on parents' sex cells — therefore possible defects in their offspring — than occur spontaneously.

Based on study of mice, the International Commission on Radiological Protection most recently set the doubling dose for human exposure at 100 rems of low-dose radiation (in this case technically called low-let or liner

energy transfer at a low dose and low dose-rate exposure)... the rem is a standard measure of radiation.

Based on study of Japan's children, and particularly actual effects on babies born between 1948 and 1953, the actual human doubling dose needs to be 468 rems to cause mutations which can cause genetic defects, the three scientists estimate.

The Japanese were exposed to acute, high-dose radiation. But in mice the genetic effects of chronic radiation are only one-third the effects of acute radiation, and Schull, Otake and Neel use this fact — one they feel is safe to use — in calculating possible human effects.

Whale deaths are misjudged; Sirius is called back home

By Paul Johnson

TORSHAVN, Faroe Islands (G) — Wholesale killing of whales here was reported to the International Whaling Commission in a bid to prevent a repetition of the slaughter. Greenpeace observers who, in the guise of tourists, witnessed the bloody hutchery on the beaches, say it now appears that official figures provided by the Faroes for the International Bureau of Whaling Statistics are a "gross underestimation."

Sympathetic islanders also told the conservationists of what seems to be a total abuse of whaling laws with the recent killing of three animals whose description tallies with that of the protected bottlenosed whale.

In the wake of the killing of more than 1,000 helpless pilot whales, some locals described how many islanders had freezers full of more whale meat than they can ever possibly eat. So many animals were killed that one radio station broadcast an appeal for islanders to come and help themselves to the glut of meat. We were told that all the stores of whale meat will now simply be thrown out to be replaced by the newer stocks.

The Faroes catch more pilot whales,

which are not a protected species, than any other nation in the world, but the killing is only rarely seen by outsiders.

In 1979 some 1,725 creatures were killed, according to figures supplied to the International Bureau of Whaling Statistics. Last year the catch had jumped to 2,773. It has been estimated that last week's kill alone will provide each and every one of the 44,000 Faroes islanders with 14 lbs of meat.

The scientific committee of the IWC has already voiced concern about the number of pilot whales being caught in the Faroes but, from what we have seen, the figures they are working on do not tell half of the story," said Mark Glover, Greenpeace organizer aboard the ship Sirius.

We will be reporting this to the IWC in an effort to put an end to what is simply a barbaric sport. If that does not produce results then we will be considering a direct action up in the Faroes next year," he added.

The conservationists are also worried about reports that three bottlenosed whales, a rare and protected species measuring up to 32 feet in length, have been killed on the islands in the past week.



ROYAL TRIO: King Sobhuza II sitting with, left, Princess Margaret, and right, Queen Mamohato in the Swazi Parliament Queen Elizabeth's sister delivered a royal address later. (AP)

On troop pullout

China flays Soviets for offensive at U.N.

BEIJING, Sept. 13 (AFP) — Vietnam and the Soviet Union are involved in a fraudulent diplomatic offensive on the eve of the U.N. General Assembly, China charged Sunday, expressing the hope that they would be condemned by the assembly.

Over the past year the assembly adopted two resolutions calling for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan and Cambodia, the China News Agency (CNA) recalled.

"The forces are still in Afghanistan and Vietnamese troops are still inside Cambodia. At the forthcoming U.N. General Assembly session, it is only reasonable for the peace-upholding countries of the world to where their principled stand on these matters," the CNA commentary, entitled, "Moscow-Hanoi tactics at the U.N., a Fraud," said.

"The stand of opposing Soviet and Vietnamese aggression taken by Pakistan, Iran and the ASEAN countries should surely receive support from the overwhelming majority of the U.N. member countries," it added.

Recalling diplomatic activities by the

Soviet Union and Vietnam during the past week, and by the Soviet-backed regime in Afghanistan and the Vietnam-supported regime in Cambodia, NCNA commented: "Behind the olive branch is the gun."

The agency also reproached "Moscow and its agents" for not coming up with any solutions to the Afghan and Cambodian questions, with the sole aim of trying to exclude their discussion at the U.N.

Meanwhile, Moscow charged that the United States military aid to China will encourage Chinese "expansionism" throughout the Southeast Asian countries. The Soviet armed forces daily Red Star said Sunday. The United States and China had plans to transform ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, comprising Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore) into a "military bloc."

"The American and Chinese secret services are hatching complex plots aimed at pitting the ASEAN countries against Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia," it added.

Carter questions Reagan's policies

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (AFP) — Former President Jimmy Carter has ended his silence on his successor Ronald Reagan's policies, with an almost entirely negative assessment of the new administration, *The Washington Post* reported Sunday.

"I believe I've given President Reagan sufficient time to let his policies take shape," Carter told the newspaper after his trip to China and Japan. Almost all of the Reagan administration's domestic and foreign policies are vulnerable, he was quoted as saying. The administration's budget cutbacks could force cities and states into far heavier expenditures, and unemployment is "going to be a problem."

On foreign policy, Carter questioned "the

inclination the administration has to ascribe all of the world's problems and conflicts to the Soviets, and to make them kind of a superman, a bugbear."

On proposed defense expenditures he called the B-1 bomber project, which he canceled and which the present administration has suggested resurrecting, "stupid, and a gross waste of money."

Last month's decision to produce the neutron bomb, he added, could also be a mistake, especially "when there is no one willing to deploy it (in Europe)." He ridiculed the idea of deploying MX missiles on airplanes, saying it was "a silly thing to even talk about seriously because of its vulnerability."

BRIEFS

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, (AFP) — The Miss America beauty contest was won here Saturday by Miss Arkansas, 20-year-old Elizabeth Ward, an accountancy student at the state university.

MILAN, Italy, (AP) — Eugenio Montale, considered the leading Italian poet of the 20th century, died Saturday evening at Milan's San Pio X Hospital, the clinic announced. He was 85. Montale was the fifth Italian to receive the Nobel Prize for literature. He won the award in 1975.

BILBAO, Northwest Spain, (AFP) — The

Spanish Basque separatist organization (ETA) Sunday claimed responsibility for a bomb blast which injured two civil guards at Usurbil in Guipuzcoa province. The blast occurred Saturday near a transformer of the Iberduero Company, after the two guards went there following an anonymous phone call.

GUATEMALA, (AFP) — A British plane violated Guatemala airspace this week and was probably on a spy mission, army chief of staff Gen. Benedicto Lucas Garcia said here Saturday. He said the aircraft flew over several cities, including the capital, on a "reconnaissance mission."



CARDINAL PROBED: A federal grand jury in Chicago is investigating whether Cardinal John Cody illegally diverted as much as \$1 million in tax-exempt church funds to enrich a lifelong friend.

Chicago cardinal denies charge of misusing funds

CHICAGO, Sept. 13 (AFP) — Cardinal John Cody of Chicago has responded personally for the first time to the charges made in recent days that he had misused church funds, saying that the accusations were an indirect attempt to harm the Roman Catholic church.

The *Sun-Times* newspaper has reported that Cody, who leads the largest Catholic diocese in the United States with 2.4 million members, channeled more than \$one million in archdiocesan funds over a period of years to a childhood friend and distant cousin, 74-year-old Helen Wilson.

During a reception Saturday marking the 50th anniversary of his ordination, the 73-year-old cardinal said "an accusation against a shepherd is an accusation against the Church." He said he had been "falsely accused," and that "innuendos and half-truths" had been presented as facts.

The *Sun-Times*, meanwhile, says in its Sunday edition that Mrs. Wilson is the beneficiary of a \$100,000 life insurance policy in the name of Cody. The Chicago newspaper reported Friday that Mrs. Wilson had worked for Cody from 1969 to 1975 as an "office manager", at an annual salary of \$7,200 to \$11,500, compared to the cardinal's own salary of \$8,000 then.

The newspaper added that Mrs. Wilson's only son, David Dolan Wilson, had received at least \$150,000 insurance commission from contracts sold to the archdiocese. Wilson is a St. Louis, Missouri, insurance agent.

Bus blast kills 20 Ugandans

KAMPALA, Uganda, Sept. 13 (AP) — Twenty civilians were killed Saturday when a bus they were riding in detonated a land mine eight kms east of Kampala near Manambe forest, the government radio announced.

The announcement by Internal Affairs Minister John Lulwiza-Kirunda on the 8 p.m. news said the government of President Milton Obote will take all necessary action to curb the activities of "bandits" in Kampala area. The minister disclosed in the same announcement that nine civilians died Thursday when the bus they were riding in detonated a land mine 29 kms north of the capital near Bombo.

There were no further details on either of the incidents. But travelers arriving in Kampala said the latest blast occurred Saturday afternoon along the main road from Kampala to the border with Kenya. They said traffic was diverted off the main road while soldiers helped clear the wreckage. Since last February anti-government forces have been attacking police and military installations and planting land mines on well-traveled roads.

The forces claim Obote rigged last December's election which returned him to power after nearly a decade of rule by former President Idi Amin. Amin seized power from Obote in January 1971 and was himself overthrown in April 1979.

Army reprisals against the forces, some of them still loyal to the exiled Amin, have frequently resulted in the deaths of civilians. Local residents said government soldiers rampaged through the village of Wakiso, 16 kms west of Kampala, last weekend and killed some 20 persons.

Euro MP to intervene in Thai prison protest

BRUSSELS, Sept. 13 (AFP) — A member of the European Parliament plans to introduce a resolution this week asking Thailand to transfer 56 hunger-striking Western prisoners to European jails, it was learned Sunday.

Euro MP Marie-Jane Pruvot, a member of France's liberal group, also said she expects to meet with Thailand's ambassador to Belgium next week to discuss the prisoners, who are serving sentences ranging from 20 to 50 years for allegedly trafficking in or possessing heroin. Mrs. Pruvot said in a statement that she had been asked to intervene by a group of prisoners' parents.

The detainees, some of whom were reportedly finishing a second week without eating, have complained of inedible food, skin diseases and overcrowded cells. An Italian died of diabetes when he was not given proper care, and a woman tried to commit suicide this summer, Mrs. Pruvot said. Thirty-two French citizens, 15 Dutch, eight Italians and a West German were among the hunger strikers, according to her statement.

Tension in Punjab India raps U.N. observers

NEW DELHI, Sept. 13 (Agencies) — India Sunday accused some of the United Nations military observers based in Kashmir of activities detrimental to Indian interests.

A senior Home Ministry official, quoted by the *National Herald* daily close to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, accused them of "too frequent" trips to the Pakistani city of Rawalpindi, "raising doubts about the impartiality of their mission in a sensitive area of the country."

According to the paper, "the activities of the U.N. military observers that are detrimental to the security and integrity of India are said to include spying and regular contacts with disgruntled political elements."

The paper added: "The U.N. officers have an independent system of communications and none of them can be stopped for search and scrutiny of their belongings while crossing over to Pakistan." Since the conversion of the old ceasefire line into a line of actual control in 1972, the government of India has

not been in favor of continuing the presence of the U.N. observers on the soil of Kashmir," the daily said.

In an unrelated development, authorities proclaimed a ban on assembly Saturday in the northern Indian city of Jullundur after rising communal tension following the assassination of a Hindu newspaper editor allegedly by Sikh extremists, the United News of India (UNI) reported.

Indian Home Affairs Minister Zail Singh earlier told parliament that Sikh militants demanding the independence of Punjab state from India were involved in the "Gruesome murder" of Lala Jagat Narain, a leading Indian journalist.

Narain, 82, was gunned down in his car last Wednesday by three motorcycle-riding assassins. He was the founder-editor of three vernacular-language newspapers of Punjab. One suspect in the killing was arrested Wednesday night outside the city of Ludhiana.

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Oester steers Reds to victory

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (AP) — Ron Oester slammed a 3-2 pitch into the right field seats with one out in the 10th inning, giving the Cincinnati Reds a 3-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers Friday night.

Oester, who had three hits in the game, smashed his third home run of the season, off Alejandro Vena, 1-1, the fourth Dodgers pitcher. Joe Price, 5-1, got the victory in relief. The Reds scored in the fifth inning on a two-run double by Ken Griffey.

Pedro Guerrero homered off Mario Soto in the Dodgers' sixth, his 12th of the season. Rick Monday tied the score 2-2 with a homer in the Dodgers' seventh also off Soto, his sixth of the year.

In other National League action, Steve Carlton notched his 12th victory, combining with rookie Jerry Reed on a seven-hitter, as the Philadelphia Phillies trounced the Pittsburgh Pirates 8-1.

Ken Reitz drove in two with a homer and a sacrifice fly and Willie Hernandez extinguished a ninth-inning Montreal rally, lifting the Chicago Cubs to a 6-9 victory over the Montreal Expos.

Atlanta's Gaylord Perry scattered nine hits over seven innings and rode Dale Murphy's two home runs to his 86th career victory, a 1-1 decision over the San Diego Padres.

Gene Roof, making his first major league start collected two hits and drove in a run as the St. Louis Cardinals snapped a five-game losing streak with a 4-2 victory over the New York Mets.

Houston right fielder Gary Woods fueled a big third inning with a two-run single and Don Sutton scattered five hits, leading the Astros to a 6-0 romp over the San Francisco Giants.

In the American League, rookie Dave Righetti and Rich Gossage combined on a two-hitter and Graig Nettles drilled three hits including a solo home run and a run-scoring single, as the New York Yankees jumped the Boston Red Sox 4-1.

Jeff Burroughs hit a three-run homer and Terry Narron added a solo shot to back the combined six-hit pitching of Glenn Abbott and Jerry Don Gleaton as the Seattle Mariners trounced the Toronto Blue Jays 8-1.

Janee Parrish drove in two runs with a pair of singles and reliever Dan Schatzeder blanked the Indians over the final 61-3 innings on one hit, leading the Detroit Tigers to a 6-3 victory over Cleveland.



Henry Rono

Rono runs second fastest 5,000

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AP) — Henry Rono of Kenya ran the second fastest 5,000 meters of all time in 13:12.34 Friday night and was only 4 1-2 seconds outside his world record.

The 29-year-old African turned in the star performance at the Coca-Cola International Track and Field Meet at London's Crystal Palace.

The 27,000 fans hoped to see Rono smash his record of 13:08.4, which he set at Berkeley, California, in 1978. He failed to do that, but finished yards ahead of Julian Goater of Britain, who was second in 13:15.59.

Rono's run was an all-comers' record for Europe. The previous best in Europe was 13:13.0 by Emil Puttemans of Belgium back in 1972.

Another man who failed in a record attempt was British favorite Steve Owen. He was a convincing winner of the two miles in 8:25.52 but was way outside his own world mark of 8:13.51, set three years ago.

Ovett produced a winning kick over the last 120 meters and left Eamonn Coghlan of Ireland, the pacemaker over the last lap, for dead. But Ovett looked tired and strained after his busy season. He has won 12 out of 14 races over one mile or 1,500 meters this summer, plus three 800 meters events.

The two miles (3.2-km) record is unofficial and is no longer recognized by the International Track and Field Federation (IAAF).

The fans hoped to see Ovett gain revenge against Sydney Maree, the South African Born American who beat him in the mile at Rieti, Italy, this week. But Maree missed out on the London meet and headed for Hamburg, where he plans an assault on Ovett's 1,500 meters record Saturday.

Greg Finster led a 1-2 for the United States in the 110 meters hurdles and underlined American domination of this event. Foster won in 13.46, way outside his best time of 13.22, and Rod Milburn was second in 13.74. Julius Ivan of Czechoslovakia was third in 13.75.

Walter McCoy of the U.S. won the 400 meters in 44.99, the fastest time ever recorded in Britain. Another American star, James Robinson, just failed to hold Mike Bot of Kenya in the 800 meters.

Gary Cook of Britain led on the second lap, but Boit hit the front 200 meters from the finish line and Robinson went after him. In a thrilling finish, Boit clocked 1:47.06 for first place and Robinson was just one-hundredth of a second behind in 1:47.07. Cook finished third in 1:47.31.

Another American victory was in the long jump, won by Larry Myricks with a leap of 8.11 meters, or 26 ft 7 1-4 in.

Mel Lattany, University of Georgia sprint star, won the 200 meters in 20.48 and defeated Don Quarrie of Jamaica for the second time in six days. Quarrie was second in 21.05.

In the 100 meters Ernie Cibeng, London based athlete from Ghana, edged Britain's Olympic gold medalist Allan Wells in 10.25.

E. German girl bags fifth gold

SPLIT, Yugoslavia, Sept. 12, (R) — Ute Geweniger won her fifth gold medal of the European Swimming Championships Friday night as the East Germans continued their unbroken string of women's victories.

The slender 17-year-old student added a fourth personal gold medal, taking the 200 meters individual medley just outside her world record time, and paced her teammates to another golden victory in the medley relay.

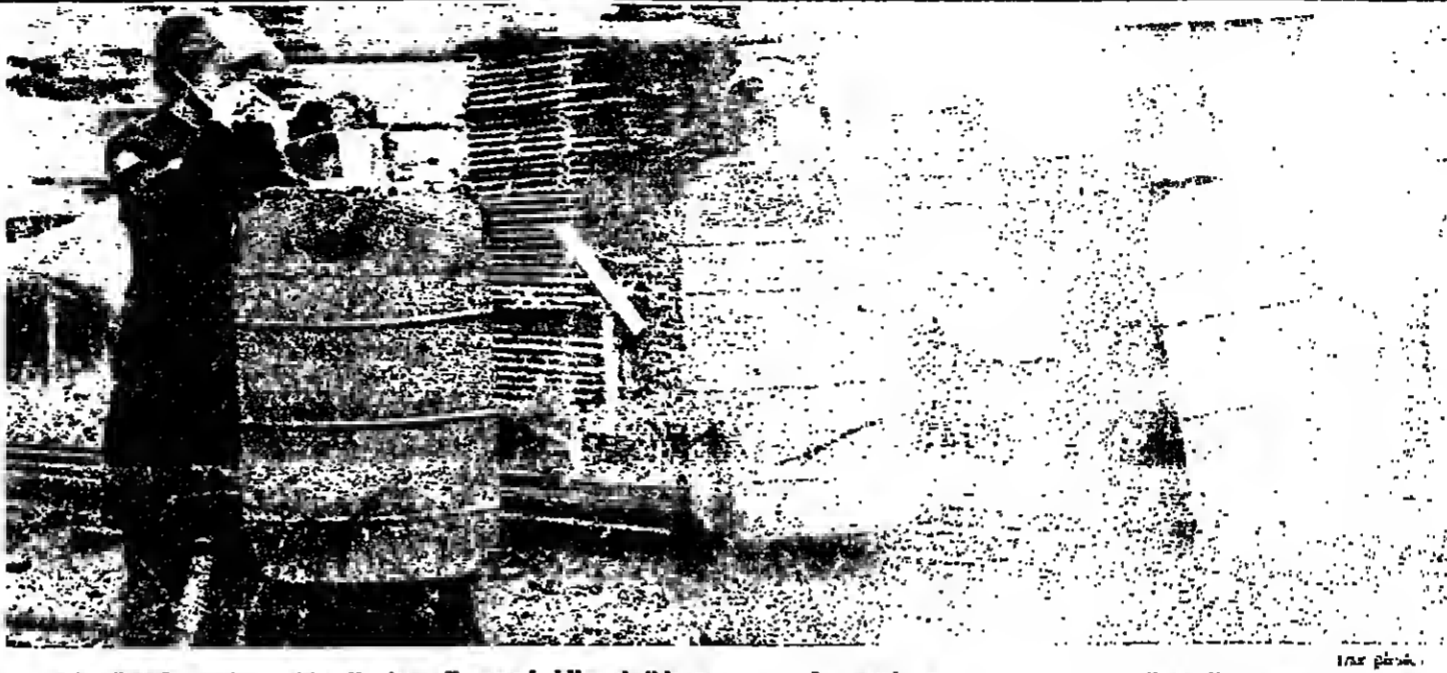
Carmela Schmidt won another gold for the East Germans in the women's 800 meters freestyle, with her compatriot Ines Diers taking the silver ahead of Britain's Jackie Wilmoth.

Michael Gross, a lanky 17-year-old from Frankfurt, won West Germany's first gold of the championships with a European record time in the men's 200 meters butterfly. Philip Hubble of Britain took the silver, as he did in this event in the Moscow Olympics, and they left the Olympic champion Sergei Fesenko of the Soviet Union in third place.

The Russians won the other men's gold.

Masala shoots ahead

WARSAW, Poland, Sept. 12 (AP) — Daniele Masala of Italy Friday clinched the lead in the Modern Pentathlon World Championships in Drzonkov, western Poland, winning the pistol shooting event along with Russia's Yevgeni Lipiyev. Both scored 1,110 points for the event.



WELL PREPARED: Auckland's riot policemen holding shields prepare to face anti-tour protesters on a railway line near Eden Park where the Springboks played a match recently.

Springboks tour ends on a bloody note

AUCKLAND, Sept. 12 (APF) — The Springboks Rugby Union tour of New Zealand came to a bloody finale here Saturday with police fighting more than 6,000 protesters as the South African team lost by 25 points to 22.

The anti-tour protesters attacked police

again and again, leaving 17 policemen hurt and scores of protesters injured. A light aircraft flown by two protesters made repeated attack on the Eden Park ground during the match. The plane dropped flour bombs, leaflets and flares during 58 passes over the ground, some at only 100 feet above the field.

The 49,000 spectators watched in horror as the plane threatened to touch down on the pitch. Civil aviation and police helicopters were unable to shepherd it from the area.

The pilot twice threatened by radio to put down on the field and told aviation authorities to have it cleared. Later two people were arrested after the plane landed in a nearby field.

During its 58 runs over the park the plane sprayed dozens of flour bombs, smoke bombs and lighted flares on the field and into the spectators on the banks. One flour bomb knocked New Zealand front row forward Gary Knight to his knees after it hit him on the head.

Outside the ground New Zealand's biggest ever police operation prevented the anti-tour groups from reaching the park. But riot police made dozens of baton charges and fought pitched battles with the protesters.

Molotov cocktails, bottles, cans, rocks, blocks of wood and stones were thrown at police. Several cars were wrecked, fences torn down and dozens of protesters suffered head injuries in police baton charges. Among the 17 policemen injured was one who had both shoulders broken; another policeman had his collar bone smashed and a third a leg broken.

The protesters continued their attacks for nearly three hours in spite of the police retaliation which at times saw scores of batons flaying at protesters' heads.

The marchers also tried to prevent rugby fans from gaining entry to the park by blocking roads and forcing them to walk through their ranks.

Other protesters blocked motorways, cut the Auckland harbor bridge with a human barricade and even disrupted live television coverage of the Test to South Africa.

Police Commissioner Bob Walton said he was appalled by the violence the protesters used against his men, who were forced to use violence in response to protect themselves, he added. This last match had produced the worst street scenes of the Springboks tour, he said.

Gooch foils Somerset's title chase

LONDON, Sept. 12 (R) — England opener Graham Gooch virtually extinguished Somerset's bid for a Cricket Championship title with a 122 Friday.

Third place Somerset needed a win to keep in touch with post-war Nottinghamshire and Sussex but the Essex batsman forced a draw by notching his fourth century in a match in Essex, who followed on 197 behind, scored on 240 for six.

Yorkshire cast aside their domestic troubles with a complete 77-run victory over Hampshire at free. With England opener Geoff Boycott suspended, Yorkshire set Northamptonshire a 292 target thanks to a useful 120 by Jackie Hampshire. Seam bowler Graham Stevens took seven for 46 as Northamptonshire were dismissed for 135.

Middlesex, the reigning champions, took great pleasure in beating their London rivals, Surrey, by six wickets at Uxbridge.

Surrey began the day 109 runs ahead, with four second innings wickets left, but lost Monte Litchfield to Wayne Daniel third ball. John Emburey dismissed Jack Richards and Robin Jackman to finish with five for 37 (ten wickets in the match) and Middlesex went in trailing 68 to win.

The match, marred by the threat of rain that hit the Surrey bowling and Mike Brearley's 51, which tempers as the runs came in, which in a 75-run 88-minute assault, Chris Riddie finished unbeaten with 58.

Pakistan's Javed Miandad scored an unbeaten 61 in his second innings 196 for eight declared against Lancashire at Cardiff, setting a new record of eight centuries in a season and passing 2,000 runs.

Leicestershire needed 138 for victory but lost all 10 batsmen and five balls before play was called off. Finally, Warwickshire were persuaded to finish bottom of the championship for the first time since 1919 when they failed to beat Hampshire at Edgbaston.

At Uxbridge, Middlesex def. Surrey by 6 wickets. Surrey 411 and 145 (John Emburey 5 for 37); Middlesex 392 for a declared and 135 for 4.

At Scarborough, Yorkshire def. Northamptonshire by 156 runs, Yorkshire 287 and 236 (Jack Hampshire 120); Northamptonshire 232 and 135 (Graham Stevenson 7 for 46).



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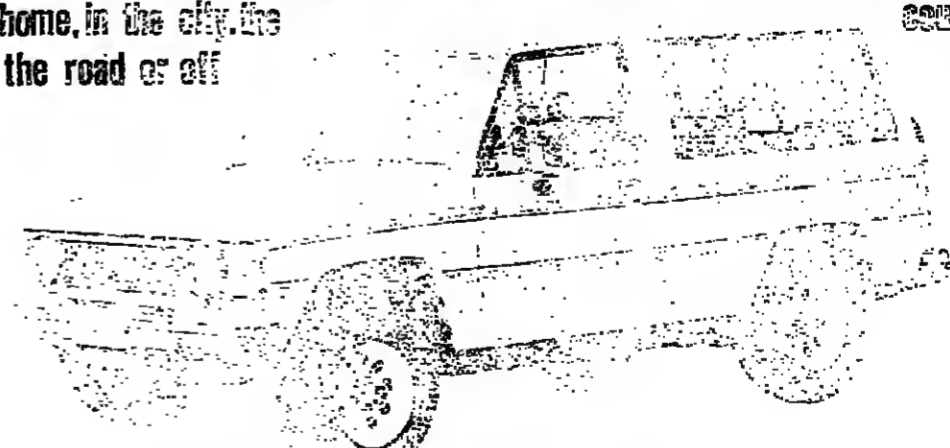
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promise, saying it retained the main points of proposals put forward by the Group of 77...

The delegate also predicted that agreement-in-principle would be reached later Saturday on all outstanding issues...

divisions on a key proposal on stepped for the LDCs remained among the stumbling blocks for an overall pact...

The Group of 77 was seeking aid increases from some \$6 billion last year to \$24 billion by the end of the decade...

gates declined to release details of the agreement, but it was said to contain...

On Friday, an agreement-in-principle was reached on a follow-up mechanism and a review process for the development program...

one detail remained to be worked out: the LDCs' share of the total aid...

At the global level, the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) was to play the "focal role" in implementing...

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SA, Sept. 12 (AFP) — Normal bank hours remained virtually at a standstill...

Interest rate dilemma haunts investors

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (AP) — Congress is back in session with two big matters on its mind...

Friday at \$72.81, up 11.13 on the week. That was the first weekly gain since they rose 15.60...

The New York stock exchange composite index closed at 70.32, up 0.77 on the week...

Big-Board Volume averaged 45.21 million shares a day, against 41.88 the week before...

"I don't see any fundamental changes," says Jack Baker, vice president for equity trading at first Boston Corp...

Baker says his concern is that the White House budget deficit forecasts "are way off," that is, too low...

And there was evidence this past week that even if Congress's complaints about interest rates rose an octave, other U.S. agencies could make it difficult to get rates down...

The congressional budget office said president Reagan's forecast of a fiscal 1982 budget deficit of \$42.5 million was short about \$23 billion...

U.K. airline staff to fight wage freeze

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AP) — Angry labor union leaders Friday threatened to oppose plans by British Airways to eliminate jobs...

"We're getting very close to a situation where we have no alternative but to start fighting," said Colin Varnedell, a senior union organizer at London's Heathrow Airport...

John Collier of the Civil Air Transport Union vowed to resist compulsory lay-offs and the pay freeze...

Union leaders meet Monday to discuss the austerity plan spelled out by BA chief executive Roy Watts Thursday...

He said the cutbacks would save \$254 million from the airline's \$1.26 billion annual wage bill...

British Airways lost \$254 million last year and is expected to lose another \$180 million by next April...

Wall Street

Interest rate dilemma haunts investors

already has kept credit demand — and rates — high while the Federal Reserve Board is keeping credit supply low...

Meanwhile, a move in Congress to use credit controls to force down high U.S. interest rates won little support Friday on Wall Street...

The Republican Party leader in the House of Representatives, Robert Michel, said this week that Congress might seek to impose controls to reduce near-record interest rates...

But Wall Street economists generally disputed the idea that government credit controls would work effectively...

"It's a temporary elixir," Bank of New York economist Nicholas Marrone said. "Interest rates go down and then go up again when controls are removed..."

Congressmen facing election next year are worried that financial markets are not responding favorably to President Reagan's economic plan...

OPEC chief backs talks move

JAKARTA, Sept. 12 (R) — OPEC President Dr. Suhroto Saturday welcomed moves for an early meeting of OPEC ministers...

Dr. Suhroto said Saturday, the move was to prevent possible losses and was aimed at improving sales. Industry sources said inventories of the affected crudes were extremely high...

cents, but maintained the price of its benchmark Minas crude at \$35 per barrel. The decision is retroactive to Sept. 10...

In another development, Iraqi Oil Minister Tayeb Abdel Karim has urged the Arabs to employ their oils as a weapon in support of their rights, insisting on withdrawing Arab surplus petrodollars from U.S. banks...

He told the newspaper Al-Rai Al-Aam in Saturday that he was against any motion to reduce oil prices as a way to combat the glut...

British unions to oppose pay policy

BLACKPOOL, Sept. 12 (R) — Britain's public service and nationalized industry unions pledged themselves to fight the government's tight pay policy...

A motion condemning what it described as the government's discriminatory incomes policy toward the public sector through cash limits was also approved at the final session of the annual Trades Union Congress (TUC)...

The delegates to the TUC, which represents some 11.6 million workers, had previously expressed opposition to any pay restraint policy...

In a separate reference to the triple alliance of railmen, steel workers and coalminers, Weighell told the delegates: "If anyone doubts our ability to stop things dead in Britain, they should put it to the test..."

referendum and for unilateral nuclear disarmament.

The TUC's governing body, the general council, was instructed Friday to develop a coordinated campaign, including the use of industrial action, to unite all public sector unions against the government's pay policies...

It also noted that most groups of workers in the public sector would be unable to break through those restraints by individual and isolated action...

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Riyal deposit rates ease

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Sept. 12 — The dollar fell back on the New York markets. The major impact seems to have been the release of weekly U.S. money supply figures...

York at 1.7950 levels on renewed fears over the state of the British economy. The German mark by contrast rose to close at 2.3930 Friday in New York...

The release of the U.S. money supply figures triggered a fall in the dollar's exchange value against the other major currencies. Particularly sharp falls were registered against the French and Swiss francs...

On the Eurodollars deposit front, dollar interest rates eased. This was further aggravated by the news that Marine Midland Bank had decided to join Chase Manhattan in reducing its prime lending rate from 20 1/2 to 20 percent...

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In other currency news, the British pound continued to remain weak, fluctuating at the 1.79 — 1.80 levels. It closed in New York at 1.7950 levels on renewed fears over the state of the British economy...

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Weather withers Soviet crop hopes

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (AP) — The Soviet grain crop continued deteriorating last month amid adverse weather, causing U.S. agriculture department analysts on Friday to further reduce their estimates of the 1981 Soviet harvest...

harvest, the Soviet Union purchased a record 35 million metric tons of grain on the world market to meet its needs.

According to the department's monthly Soviet grain update, the analysts placed the 1981 Soviet grain crop at 180 million metric tons. That compares to last month's estimate of 185 million and the Russian target of 236 million...

Worldwide, the department reported that total grain 1981-82 production will hit more than 1.62 billion metric tons, four percent higher than a year earlier...

"Although an anonymous source in the USSR ministry of agriculture stated that the 1981 crop would likely exceed last year's 189 million tons, there is little to substantiate this claim," the report said.

A metric ton is 2,205 pounds, and is the equivalent of 36.7 bushels of wheat or soybeans and 39.4 bushels of corn.

Should the estimate hold, it would be the third straight year Russian farmers have failed by substantial amounts to meet their governments harvest target.

The latest drop in Soviet grain production has been caused, the USDA analysts said, by a combination of continually falling spring grain yields and a declining grain area, which could be the smallest in nearly a decade.

Just a month ago, the Soviet Communist Party reportedly distributed a circular to its local branches, warning of the urgent need to conserve food.

Analysts say that if the harvest is as poor as now anticipated, Russia could be required to import as much as a record 40 million metric tons of grain. Because of last year's poor

France, Poland to swap know-how

WARSAW, Sept. 12 (AFP) — Polish and French craftsmen Saturday signed a cooperation agreement on exchanges of technology that could help Poland's craftmen gain raw material, techniques and machines needed to increase their exports...

Polish authorities were hoping that the accord could help the private craft sector to bring in needed foreign currency, informed sources said. The Polish craft sector, which employs 500,000 people and produces five percent of the national output, is the largest of any Eastern European country.

Several reforms aimed at granting the craftsmen more freedom have been adopted, but equipment is still lacking. The craftsmen want to pay for French equipment and know-how in artistic or semi-industrial products, in a sort of subcontracting agreement, sources said.

The above cash and transfer rate are supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange and Commerce, Gabel St., Tel: 6420932, Jeddah.

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BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — The U.S. administration, stressing that public debts could total nearly \$1,075,000 million in a year's time, asked Congress to raise the limit from \$985,000 million to \$1,080,000 million...

PARIS, (AFP) — Prices in France rose by 1.3 percent in August according to preliminary figures issued by the influential Insee monitoring body. This follows 1.7 percent in July. Last month's price figures are attributed to increased prices by state bodies, particularly the transport undertakings.

BRASILIA (AFP) — The Brazilian Engesa firm has signed a \$93 million contract for the supply of Urutu and Cascavel wheeled tanks to Iraq, press reports here have said. The contract includes the supply of other weapons and ammunition, and a second \$120 million contract for vehicles and ammunition will shortly be signed with Iraq, the reports said.

BONN, (AFP) — West Germany might soon ease its highly restrictive legislation on arms sales abroad, a news sheet close to the ruling Social Democratic Party has indicated. Unrestricted sales are currently allowed only to NATO countries and some nations such as Australia, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Austria, Sweden, Switzerland and Spain.

BELGRADE, (AFP) — A consortium of French banks has extended a \$250 million

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- 9:00 Quran
- 9:15 Cartoons
- 10:15 Children's Songs
- 10:30 The Developing Mind
- 10:50 Arabic Series
- 12:02 Foreign Series
- 12:40 Arabic Series
- 1:40 Close Down
- 5:00 Quran
- 6:00 Cartoons
- 6:15 Local Arabic News
- 6:30 Religious Symposium
- 7:10 From the Folklore
- 7:45 English News
- 8:00 TV Magazine
- 9:30 Arabic News
- Program Preview
- Daily Arabic Series
- Song
- Arabic Weekly Series

BAHRAIN Channel 55

- 5:45 Quran
- 7:45 Religious Talk
- 8:20 Program Preview
- 8:25 Cartoons
- 8:50 Children's Program
- 9:30 Sokhah's Diary
- 10:40 Arabic Series

DUBAI Channel 10

- 5:00 Quran
- 5:15 Religious Talk
- 5:30 Cartoons
- 6:00 Ninjas Battles Golden Eagle
- 6:30 Children's Series
- 7:00 Family
- 8:00 Local News
- 8:10 Arabic Series
- 9:30 Documentary
- 10:00 World News
- 10:35 Songs and Program Preview
- 11:00 Arabic Play

RAS AL KHAYMAH

- 5:45 Quran
- 6:00 Kamba
- 6:30 Larcus
- 7:15 Unfinished World
- 7:30 Theater of Stars
- 8:20 Roll on the River
- 8:45 Feature Film
- 10:15 Hill Country Show
- 10:40 Rookies

KUWAIT Channel 2

- 7:00 Quran
- 7:05 Sierra
- 8:00 News
- 8:15 Islam in North America
- 9:00 Trapper John
- 9:45 Survival
- 10:15 Comedy

DUBAI Channel 33

- 6:00 Quran
- 6:10 Cartoons
- 6:30 Here's Bonner
- 7:00 Sapphire and Steel
- 7:30 Who Dunamit?
- 8:00 Road News
- 8:05 Market Personal
- 8:35 Green Acres
- 8:50 Pittsburgh
- 10:00 World News
- 10:24 Angels
- 11:10 Hanser House of Havoc

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- 5:00 Quran
- 5:15 Religious Program
- 5:30 Children's Daily Series
- 6:00 Cartoons
- 6:30 Eritania
- 6:55 Daily Arabic Series
- 7:00 Arabic News
- 8:15 Daily Comedy Series
- 8:45 Cultural Seminars
- 9:35 Daily Arabic Series

Radio Programs

SAUDI ARABIA

Afternoon Transmission

Time Sunday

- 2:00 Quran
- 2:01 Holy Quran
- 2:06 Program Review
- 2:07 City of Guidance
- 2:12 Light Music
- 2:15 On Ideas
- 2:25 Pop Variety
- 2:35 Light Music
- 3:00 News
- 3:10 Press Review
- 3:15 Light Music
- 3:20 Music A-Bounds
- 3:30 Youth Welfare
- 3:40 Light Music
- 3:50 Children's Program
- 4:30 Sokhah's Diary
- 10:40 Arabic Series

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FM 98.8 Maghazra

FM 98.9 Maghazra

FM 99.0 Maghazra

BBC

Morning Transmission

- 8:00 World News
- 8:09 Twenty-Four Hours
- 8:30 News Summary
- 8:30 Sarah Ward
- 8:45 World Today
- 9:00 News
- 9:30 Open Star
- 10:00 World News
- 10:09 Twenty-Four Hours
- 10:30 News Summary
- 10:30 Sarah Ward
- 10:45 Something to See Now
- 11:00 World News
- 11:09 Reflections
- 11:15 News
- 11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
- 12:00 World News
- 12:09 News Review
- 12:15 World Today
- 12:30 Financial News
- 12:40 News
- 12:45 The Today Myst

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- 8:00 News Roundup
- 8:30 Reports: Academics Opinion: Analysts
- 8:30 Dateline
- 9:00 News Summary
- 9:00 Special English: News: Features: The Making of a Nation
- 9:30 Music USA: (Standards)
- 10:00 News Roundup
- 10:00 Reports: Academics Opinion: Analysts
- 10:05 Opening: Analysis
- 10:30 VOC Magazine
- 10:30 American Letter Cultural: Letter
- 11:00 Special English: News
- 11:30 Music U.S.: (Jazz)

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9:00 News

9:03 Linnacat Mail

9:23 Request Music

12:15 Talimat

12:45 Nature Notebook

1:00 World News

1:09 World Today

1:25 Financial News

1:35 Book Choice

1:40 Reflections

1:45 Sports Round-up

2:00 World News

2:09 Commentary

2:15 The Face of England

4:30 Religious Program

4:46 New Stars (Music)

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6:20 On This Day

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Don't make plans for travel without consulting the family. Keep career aspirations within attainable limits. Beware of faulty advice.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Be careful not to overlook practical considerations regarding a joint financial

endeavor. Don't be rushed into signing legal papers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

A penny-wise, pound-foolish attitude is possible. Be consistent in your attitude towards expenditures. Be tolerant of others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Self-indulgence could affect health adversely. Friends could goad you into unreasonable actions. Escapism leads to needless problems.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

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OAU told to seek help for Angolans

LAGOS, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — African front-line states have called on the chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi, to mobilize military aid for Angola to drive South African troops from the country.

In a joint communique issued here Friday night after a meeting to discuss the incursions into Angola launched on Aug. 23 from Pretoria-ruled Namibia (Southwest Africa), six southern African countries appealed to OAU member states for military assistance as a matter of urgency.

The summit hosted by Nigerian President Shehu Shagari, was attended by Presidents Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, Samora Machel of Mozambique, Jose dos Santos of Angola, Quett Masire of Botswana and Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

The front-line leaders said in their communique: "Through the current chairman of the OAU, we appeal to all member states to extend as a matter of urgency every possible assistance, and in particular military aid."

The summit reviewed the situation in southern Africa with rare emphasis on continued South African occupation of Namibia and the fighting in Angola. President Dos Santos said Wednesday that South African forces were still occupying parts of Angola's Cunene province.

The summit meeting appealed to the international community to give, and step up, assistance to the people of Angola for the defense of their country against South Africa. It condemned the Reagan administration for what it described as support for the South African white minority racist regime "to perpetuate its criminal and heinous acts against Angola."

The meeting welcomed the stand taken earlier this month by the European Economic Community (EEC) during the special session of the U.N. General Assembly on Namibian independence, but rejected any attempt to revise, delete, or add to the terms of resolution 435. The resolution sets out a U.N.-backed independence plan for the territory, which is ruled by South Africa in defiance of the United Nations and the World Court.

The front-line leaders reaffirmed their resolute determination to continue to work collectively and coordinate their strategies on Namibia.



LONDON PROTEST: Demonstrators outside the American Embassy in London Thursday wave banners condemning the United States for vetoing in the U.N. Security Council and Britain for abstaining when the question of South African withdrawal from Namibia was heard.

Problems, not Soviets, plague Poles

WARSAW, Sept. 12 (AP) — Amid reports that the largest Soviet naval force since World War II is steaming by Poland's northern border, some Poles profess no fears, some are preoccupied with economic problems, and some admit they are concerned.

"Maneuvers? Yes, I'm making maneuvers — trying to get some butter for me and my daughter," said Jadwiga Glowacka, 32, a technician who was in a meat shop queue.

"The threat of Soviet intervention is so vague," said one 48-year-old university professor. "Do they just want to make us jittery? Actually, all they have to do is strangle us economically. We receive 100-percent of our crude oil from them."

Reports of Soviet Marines storming the Baltic coast and war games involving an estimated 100,000 troops receive more coverage in the Western media than in Poland, the nation which some Western analysts say they are meant to impress. The Soviet exercises took place at the same time as the first national congress of the independent union federation Solidarity, and are being held ominously close to the convention city of Gdansk.

Most people queried point out that speculation about a possible military intervention has arisen nearly a half dozen times since the wave of reforms unleashed during the strikes one year ago. Many appear to take in stride

the almost daily exchange of attacks between the government and unionists.

Those privy to more detailed news reports — such as people working for Western firms, or those with advanced degrees or who listen to foreign newscasts — express some skepticism about the openly political demands made during the Gdansk congress.

"I don't think people are afraid, at least Solidarity is not afraid," said one 54-year-old office worker. A Warsaw printer said "kicking the towering bear won't help us. Why do it? It won't help our cause but may result in an unpredictable reaction in Moscow."

"Solidarity and all of us should work to safeguard what we have gained during the last year," the printer said. A university professor cautioned: "We are in the center of Europe and our students and workers seem to forget that. Nobody believes there will be an intervention and most people say, 'look, now it's too late, they should have done it last year.'"

"But I'm a bit pessimistic," he added. "It might occur as the people lose their temper and there is a danger of uncontrolled religious which could result in demonstrations and riots." Many Poles reject comparisons between their situation and the environment in Czechoslovakia in 1968 or Hungary in 1956, when Soviet troops intervened.

Adam Michnik, a member of the dissident Committee for Social Self-Defense (KOR) and adviser to Solidarity, rejected such comparisons in an article for the English-language *Congress Post*, a Solidarity convention newsletter.

Exercises near Poland end

MOSCOW, Sept. 12 (AP) — Soviet military maneuvers near Poland were reported over Saturday, but the strong Soviet media campaign against the Polish Solidarity trade union showed no sign of abating.

A Soviet military communique that appeared to mark the close of the exercise said the maneuvers from "Sept. 4 to 12" took place in "an organized and instructive manner." It said the war games showed an "increased level of operational and tactical training."

"The objectives set at the exercises have been attained," said the communique, distributed by the official news agency Tass. "The troops, naval forces and headquarters taking part in the exercises are returning to

their places of permanent stationing."

Soviet authorities reported at the start of the exercises that 100,000 troops and reservists were taking part. The communique did not say if the reservists would be demobilized immediately. Moscow radio also broadcast a review of the war games, saying "all the battles are past."

The Soviet Army newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda* (Red Star) said the maneuvers, known as "West-81," will be an important landmark in military training of the army and navy.

The paper also reported on its back page that a Soviet Air Force major general, Vadim N. Khakhalov, had died "tragically" at the age of 48 "in the performance of his duties."

Belfast police make major explosives haul

BELFAST, Sept. 12 (AP) — Police uncovered 1,300 pounds of explosives, fuses and bomb-making equipment in a Belfast furniture store Friday and evacuated nearby families as a precaution, security forces said.

It was the second major seizure of explosives in Belfast in two days and followed last week's warning by the Royal Ulster Constabulary Police Force of a possible new IRA bomb campaign.

On Thursday night, explosives were captured from a van that crashed after a chase with police. A police spokesman said explosives captured in the two incidents exceeded three-quarters of a ton in bulk weight.

The makeshift bomb factory was uncovered at a store in the mainly Roman Catholic Falls Road area of west Belfast. Police Chief Superintendent James Crutchley described the find as a "huge stockpile of explosives."

"It would have taken one spark to set off series of major explosions," he said. Earlier Friday, a cache of 350 gasoline bombs were found in the Flashpoint Divis Flats housing projects in west Belfast.

In Paris, Owen Carron, the British MP elected on a platform supporting Northern Ireland hunger strikers, met with Socialist Party first secretary Lionel Jospin after his arrival here Friday. A Socialist Party communique issued later said it was the British government's responsibility to end the dispute with an "honorable settlement" based on the Republican prisoners' demands.

The communique said Jospin repeated the Socialist Party's insistence on the necessity for a "positive" response to prisoners' claims regarding their detention conditions. Ten Northern Irish prisoners have already died in the hunger strike in Maze Prison and six are continuing the fast in a bid to win privileges amounting to political prisoner status. Carron, 28, was accompanied by members of the Defense Committee for Irish Political Prisoners.

Meanwhile, French police ejected about 20 young persons from the British consulate Friday when they refused to leave after distributing pamphlets in support of Irish guerrillas imprisoned in Belfast, a British



IRA SYMPATHIZER: Eamon O'Connor, who Saturday entered the 34th day of his hunger strike in Sydney to force the Australian government to support demands for political status by IRA hunger strikers in Belfast's Maze Prison, is reported to be suffering from severe stomach cramps.

spokesman said.

The spokesman added the group entered the consulate in the early afternoon and handed out the pamphlets entitled "Thatcher Is An Assassin" and signed by the Revolutionary Communist League. "The group declined to leave and the consulate general wanted to get on with its work so it asked the police to remove the young people," said the spokesman, who asked not to be identified.

"The group was only in the consulate for about 30 minutes."

The spokesman said there were no disturbances. On Thursday, the Revolutionary

Communist League aided Northern Ireland nationalist leader Bernadette Devlin McAliskey after she was expelled from Spain. Mrs. McAliskey flew to Paris where she held a hastily arranged news conference at the offices of the Revolutionary Communist League to seek support for the imprisoned nationalists.

Britain refuses to capitulate to prisoners' demands, saying that would legitimize the nationalists' campaign to drive Britain out of predominantly Protestant Northern Ireland and unite the province with the mostly Roman Catholic Republic of Ireland.

Delhi, Dacca agree to improve ties

NEW DELHI, Sept. 12 (AP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and visiting Bangladeshi Foreign Minister Muhammad Shamsul Huq agreed Saturday that their countries should try to patch up neighborhood differences and be better friends.

They pledged "constructive" and "practical" efforts to solve their disagreements over common borders, sharing of the Ganges River water and the ownership of a newly emerged island in the Bay of Bengal, an Indian government spokesman said.

Huq and Indian Foreign Minister P.V.N. Rao later discussed the issues in detail. They agreed on the need for better communication and on settling the disputes "on the basis of mutual trust for mutual benefit," spokesman said.

In May the 71-year-old Le Duc Tho, who led the Vietnamese side in the 1968 Paris peace negotiations with the United States, Saturday reappeared in the Hanoi press for the first time in several months, at a meeting with Cambodian Communist Party Secretary-General and Prime Minister Penn Sovan.

He refused the Nobel Peace Prize after the negotiations, was reported to have lost one of his positions, fueling speculation that he had been removed from other posts.

25 Iraqi soldiers killed

TEHRAN, Sept. 12 (AFP) — Twenty-five Iraqi soldiers were killed in fighting on all fronts during the past 48 hours, an Iranian military communique released before midnight Friday said.

The communique quoted by the Pars news agency, said that two Iraqi tanks had been destroyed and an Iraqi military barracks damaged heavily by Iranian artillery.

Iraqi bombs had killed and injured many civilians at Abadan and Dezful, the communique said.

At Brighton
British Labor factions set for bitter struggle

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AFP) — The Labor Party congress scheduled to start later this month in Brighton is expected to be a repeat performance of the bitter fratricidal struggle that emerged this week at the Trades Union Congress (TUC) meeting, observers here said.

The left-wing of the Labor Party has been accusing moderates of wanting policies not very different from the ones now pursued by the Conservatives, and the internecine discord reached a high point during the five-day TUC meeting which ended Friday. At meetings held outside the conference, party leader Michael Foot and leftist Tony Benn, who is after the party's No. 2 spot, took totally different positions on whether British unions should enter into a wage accord with any future Labor government.

Benn and Ken Gill, a Communist who heads the white collar section of the engineers' union, fought against any commitment to wage moderation during a Labor administration, and a large majority of the 1,100 delegates approved a motion to this effect during the conference.

In view of their ideological differences, Foot and Benn seemed unlikely to be able to work together as a team if the leftist activist succeeds in getting the party's second highest post. Benn's electionists thus might well lead to Foot's resignation, observers said.

It was believed that Ben might then seek the party leadership. In that capacity, he would certainly try to take the party to the left and provide the British electorate with an ultra-Socialist counterpoint to the monetarism of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Labor's own credibility would end up reduced, the party rolls would hemorrhage, and the new Social Democratic Party — composed of disaffected Labor Party members — would have an improved chance of replacing the Conservative government after the next elections. Thus intense infighting could mar the celebrations of Labor's 80th anniversary at its week-long congress beginning Sept. 27 at Brighton.

The current internal dissension has been unmatched since the 1930s when Ramsay

MacDonald left the party to form a coalition with the Conservatives and Sir Oswald Mosley defected to found the British Fascist Party.

Sources in British political circles said that the success of the leftist unions during the TUC meeting strengthened their position at the Labor Party congress, although the moderates clearly intend to fight back. Although the moderates this week succeeded in changing the methods of designating members to the TUC general council, the conference passed motions favoring withdrawal from the Common Market.

Plea for hungry backed in Paris

PARIS, Sept. 12 (AFP) — The world must heed an appeal by a hunger striking member of the European Parliament to help the planet's hungry millions, Jean-Pierre Cot, president of the United Nations conference on the world's 31 most destitute countries, said here Saturday.

Cot, also French development and cooperation minister, said that Marco Pannella, Italian Radical Party parliamentarian, began his strike in Sept. 2 "to draw attention to the misery of the Third World and to save the 10 percent who are condemned to die of hunger in the coming year."

Pannella's appeal must be heard so that "immediate and concrete measures" are taken to help the world's hungry, Cot said. Pannella, who is co-chairman of the group of independent MPs at the European assembly, began his one-man protest at UNESCO headquarters here as diplomats from around the world gathered to try to decide on a concrete program of action to help the 31 poorest countries from becoming poorer.

Pannella welcomed Cot's support, but predicted that the result of the conference would not be followed up.

Mozambicans fight rebels

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 12 (AP) — The Mozambican Army is engaged in heavy fighting against the rebel Mozambique National Resistance Movement in the central provinces of Manica and Sofala. *The Star* newspaper reported Saturday.

The Johannesburg daily, quoting the Mozambique news agency, AIM, said five rebel bases had been destroyed in south Manica and 220 rebels killed. The guerrillas are opposed to the Marxist government of President Samora Machel.

The Star said the news agency quoted an armed forces magazine report that the MNR rebels have cut ears of the local population, stolen property, burned down communal villages and destroyed crops.

A political commissar quoted in the magazine said the group is "clearly armed and trained by South Africa." He reportedly based his view on information gained from captured rebels, and from some of the equipment seized by Mozambican forces.

The magazine also said that former auxiliaries of former Rhodesian Prime Minister Bishop Abel Muzorewa were involved in MNR training. Muzorewa was Rhodesia's first black prime minister in a coalition government backed by the former white ruler, Ian Smith. The bishop lost in a national election in Feb. 1980 to former guerrilla leader Robert Mugabe, the prime minister of independent Zimbabwe.

Vietnam leader regains status

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Japan's N-plant stops

TOKYO, Sept. 12 (AFP) — The Japanese atomic power company's No. 2 nuclear power plant at Tokaimura, northeast of Tokyo, automatically stopped operation Saturday for unknown reasons, company officials said. The 1.1-million kilowatt plant was gradually being shut down for a planned regular check starting Sunday.

According to the officials, the automatic suspension occurred unexpectedly when the capacity was reduced to 780,000 kilowatts. The cause of the sudden stoppage is being investigated. The company stressed that there was no danger to people living near the plant.

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